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HAPPY FACES: Imbali arrived in their numbers to register at Ludzidzini Royal Residence, marking the beginning of this year's Reed Dance ceremony which will be attended by visiting SADC Heads of State and delegates among the hordes of tourists who usually attend the annual ceremony. (Pics: Simon Shabangu) **STORY ON PAGE 4**

98 000 IMBALI REGISTER

...they are getting ready to set out to cut the reed before treating the King's guests to breathtaking dances

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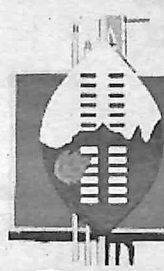
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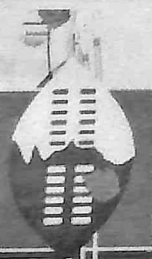
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SADC IS PROUD OF ITS ACHIEVEMENTS

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) has made great strides since its inception 36 years ago.

SADC member states have a number of achievements and benefits of regional integration.

Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax, SADC Executive Secretary said the region has transformed into a cohesive community, which is determined to deliver a better standard of living for the people of the region.

In pursuit of the regional agenda, SADC member states have since 1992 signed 27 protocols and a number of declarations, charters and memoranda of understanding on various matters, ranging from mining, trade, finance and investment to illicit drugs, forestry and shared water resources, as well as the empowerment of women and young people.

This is contained in the 'SADC @35 success stories, Volume 1, 2015'.

"Out of the 27 protocols, 24 have come into force so far after being ratified by two-thirds of the signatory member states. Although we still have a long way to go, we believe that these and other initiatives have improved the lives of the SADC citizens. For example, the One-Stop Border post initiative has improved a viable development in eliminating trade barriers through reduction of clearance time and cost, with benefits extending to consumers further afield. Similarly, development corridors have helped boost industrial

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PROUD: SADC Executive Secretary Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax making her submission at the summit. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

growth, especially in landlocked countries, by providing cheaper alternative transport routes to seaports," Tax said.

The document further states that the Maputo Development Corridor has paved the way for growth.

In 1996, the Mozambican and South African governments signed an agreement establishing the Maputo Development Corridor, which is a network of roads, railway transport and logistics facilities connecting the port of Maputo to South Africa and Swaziland.

"The corridor provides more than

just a trade route, it drives business growth. It aligns with SADC's Spatial Development Initiatives, a strategy to connect industries and landlocked countries to seaports and develop the inherent natural endowments of the corridors. It is the most successful development corridor in SADC having attracted more than E68 billion (US\$5 billion) in investment since its inception".

It further states that development corridors support economic integration, anchor spatial development, help open up markets and promote increased trade and investment

Fast, safe and efficient banking

AMONGST the achievements reached by SADC is fast, safe and efficient banking in nine SADC member states.

This efficiency can be attributed to the SADC's Integrated Regional Electronic Settlement System (SIRESS).

SIRESS is a SADC electronic payment system developed by member states to settle regional transactions among banks within the region.

Where a transaction previously took two to three days to clear, with SIRESS it takes about 24

hours.

The SADC Director for Infrastructure and Services Remigius Makumbe says one of the benefits of regional cooperation has been the establishment of a power trading platform operated by the SAPP based in Zimbabwe.

"The fundamental benefit is that where you have surplus you must channel it to others who have a shortfall. Without power trading a lot of countries will be experiencing serious shortfalls," he said

Promotion Policy Framework for youth

A Youth Empowerment Promotion Policy Framework and Implementation Plan has been developed and approved by ministers responsible for employment and labour and social partners.

This followed extensive joint technical consultations between the sector responsible for employment and labour.

SADC's Lomthandazo Mavimbela said the objectives of the policy frameworks are to improve employment opportunities for young women in the region. "It is to increase the participation of young women and men in the labour market in the region, to contribute to effective management of labour migration

in the region," she said.

She said the policy frameworks will facilitate the transition of the informal to the formal economy in the region and strengthen labour market information systems in the region.

She further said the Youth Employment Promotion Policy Framework will guide SADC member states on a harmonised, integrated and coherent approach to addressing the high levels of youth unemployment in the region. Mavimbela said if fully implemented the policy framework will see the region creating more decent, secure and sustainable employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for the youth.

Business booming at SADC summit

SWAZI women could not let the chance to make money pass them during the ongoing 36th Ordinary Summit of Southern African Development Summit (SADC) Heads of State and Government at Royal Swazi Convention Centre.

They have put up stalls showcasing their varying wares.

The stalls have all kinds of mementos that could be good to take back home for the over 350 delegates that have convened at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre for the SADC Summit.

The wares range from bangles branded 'Swaziland', beaded

accessories, traditional regalia to Swazi shirts. Nelisiwe Dlamini a vendor said accessories popular amongst the ladies are the beaded neckpieces, and bangles while men mostly bought sandals and Swazi accustomed shirts.

"Business is good, but we are expecting more customers to buy towards the end of the SADC Summit," she said.

Dlamini revealed that her mother has gone to Durban, South Africa to buy stock to meet the market demand of the wares they are selling. She further thanked the ministry of commerce for availing to them the opportunity to sell at the SADC Summit.



GETTING READY: Nelisiwe Dlamini preparing her wares.

SADC Statistical Year Book 2014 launched

THE SADC Director of Policy, Planning and Resource Mobilisation Dr Angelo Mondlane yesterday launched the SADC Statistical Yearbook 2014.

Dr Mondlane said the year book has been developed and implemented over the past few years as a tool for improving statistical services at the SADC Secretariat.

He said it provides stakeholders with comprehensive set of information on the socio-economic profiles of development of the SADC region.

The year book comprises 10 broad based subject matters sections on population and migration, poverty and income distribution, gender equality, labour and employment, social services which includes education, health,



YEAR BOOK: Jocelyne Lukundula SADC Acting Head of PR during the launch of 2014 SADC Statistical Year Book. (Pic: Gugu Simelane)

housing, macro-economy, foreign

direct investment, statistics on major industrial groups, environmental and sustainable development and SADC protocols.

Book

Dr Mondlane said it is important for the SADC Secretariat to produce the year book as it the statistics that helps in planning and making future projections. The SADC Statistical Year book 2014 reveals that AIDS deaths in SADC have decreased in the last 10 years.

The documents indicates that in 2005 all SADC Member States had 987 641 AIDS deaths which have been reduced to 569 989 deaths in 2013.

If further reveals that cases of Tuberculosis have also decreased in the last ten years.

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ACCOMMODATION REMAINS CHALLENGE FOR SUMMIT - PS

By Sabatha Dlamini
Ezulwini

HOTEL accommodation remains a huge challenge.

Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development Bertram Stewart yesterday said already all hotels in the country were fully booked and, that was before even the start of the SADC Ministerial Conference set for August 26 to 28, 2016.

Stewart said already the King's guests had spilled over into guest houses, which were themselves not enough.

The senior government official said they did not know what would become of the multitudes of support staff personnel that were yet to descend into the country with the ministers with effect from tomorrow, leading up to the Heads of State Summit.

The Heads of State would themselves come with their own support staff members, further complicating matters for those directly involved in organising accommodation for the delegates and tourists.

Stewart attributed the serious shortage of accommodation to the simultaneous hosting of several international

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NO LAUGHING MATTER:
Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development Bertram Stewart.

events in the country, the SADC Summit, International Trade Fair and SADC Industrialisation Week, which all coincided with the annual traditional Umhlanga Reed Dance ceremony.

Whilst this speaks to the country's capacity to hold multiple international events, the serious shortage in

hotel accommodation, Stewart said, also created an opportunity to entrepreneurs to cash in on the current situation.

Describing the SADC Senior Officials meeting itself, Stewart said it was smooth sailing.

He said all SADC member states were represented at the expected level. The Senior Officials are looking into the SADC Regional Strategic Action Plan amongst some of their priority issues, scrutinising the implementation of set regional goals with the view to making recommendations to the Council of Ministers.

He said the Council of Ministers would also look closely into the cross-cutting issues and make recommendation to the Head of States who would be expected to adopt the recommendations to allow for their implementation. The senior officials' meeting was preceded by a SADC Regional Civil Society Forum, which is more like a people's parliament for SADC citizens.

SADC to set up regional fund

SADC is gearing itself up for setting up a regional infrastructure development fund to help drive the economic development of the region.

SADC Director for Planning, Policy and Resource Mobilisation Dr Angelo Mondlane yesterday said it was high time citizens of SADC member states kept it in their minds that the responsibility to finance development of their own region lied solely on them.

He said the culture of expecting funding from external donor fund communities must be done away with. He said the developed world which most of the SADC member

states had been looking upon for funding for several years, was currently pre-occupied by their own challenges, mostly terrorists groups that were giving them sleepless nights. Dr Mondlane said even though for many years the developed countries have been generous enough to finance Africa's development, their priorities now were shifted towards the war on terrorism. For the SADC to develop itself, Dr Mondlane said, there was need to look for alternative sources of funds, but mainly within the region.

He said the intended Regional Fund would help member states to develop bankable and viable regional pro-

jects. He said there would be a formula on how the SADC member states would contribute to the Fund and, similarly, there would be an agreed criterion on how they would source the money from the Regional Fund.

The Fund, Dr Mondlane said, would help in the financing of mega regional projects that mostly involve two or more countries.

These could be in the area of construction of railway lines to develop the transport sector and also in the area of energy, power and water resources, which one particular country could not handle on its own.

These initiatives, he said, were not meant to substitute national developmental plans and programmes but to complement them.

Political instability hamper regional development

POCKETS of political instability in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) have a potential to hamper development.

Dr. Angelo Mondlane, Director of Policy, Planning and Resource Mobilisation in the region, yesterday said peace and stability was a key ingredient for development.

Therefore, he said, it was imperative the region did not spend all of its time and resources moulding peace at the expense of developmental ini-

tiatives.

Overall, however, Dr. Mondlane said SADC was a stable and peaceful region, of course with the exception of the pockets of instability here and there.

On the positive note, however, he said SADC has done a lot to overcome those pockets of instability.

He mentioned the Kingdom of Lesotho where the Peace and Security Organ intervened and mediated between the Lesotho armed forces and political parties.

He said the Republic of South Africa's Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa was SADC's frontrunner with regard to the Lesotho mediation.

Dr. Mondlane further said through the SADC intervention, some political factions resolved to form coalitions and eventually the country was able to successfully organise elections under the guidance of SADC, ultimately ending the Lesotho conflict. So far, he said, progress was being made to bring constitutional normalcy in the mountain Kingdom.



MY VIEW: SADC
Director of Policy, Planning and Resource Mobilisation Dr Angelo Mondlane making his presentation (Pic: Gugu Simelane)

No solution for SD's sour sugar market

THE Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) has no readily available market for Swaziland's main export product, sugar.

SADC Director for Regional Planning, Policy and Resource Mobilisation Dr Angelo Mondlane yesterday said the country ought to have reported the matter in an appropriate sector of the regional body for it to be considered.

Dr Mondlane was responding to enquiries from journalists on what plan has the SADC put in place to help salvage the situation Swaziland is faced with.

Dr Mondlane conceded there was need for the region to trade within itself but did not point out at a specific market for the country's main export earner.

Dr Mondlane said that Swaziland was on the verge of being kicked out of the European Union market where most of the country's sugar was exported, was a very serious issue that needed to be given the attention it deserved by the trade organ of SADC.

He also pointed out that the Economic Partnership Agreements the region has with other trading regional blocs

would help salvage the situation.

Dr Mondlane said Swaziland could not rely on the Swazi market alone for its sugar production and other commodities because of its smaller market size.

The country has a population of about 1.2 million people, almost half of them living under extreme poverty, according to government statistics.

Mostly affected are the 78% of rural community members.

Verge

With Swaziland on the verge of losing the EU restricted sugar market, thousands of Swazis who rely on the sugar sector for employment would most likely face massive retrenchments.

The looming expulsion of Swaziland from the EU markets follows the loss of yet another lucrative textile and apparel duty free market the country enjoyed in the United States of America controlled under the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA).

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UMYALO: Imbali leader Nonduduzo Zubuko addressing the maidens on their arrival for this year's Reed Dance ceremony which kicks off today. The Imbali arrived in thousands and registered at Ludzidzini and Engabezweni Royal Residences for the better part of yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



LUXURIOUS: The best of the best on the country's roads when it comes to buses has also been commissioned for the royal duties.



LISTEN UP: One of the Imbali Acting Overseers Hlangabeza Mdluli addressing some of the tindvuna entrusted with the safety of the Imbali from different communities.



NON STOP ARRIVAL: Imbali on arrival in one of the many buses disbursed to transport them.

98 000 IMBALI REGISTER FOR ANNUAL REED DANCE

● Acting Assistant Imbali Overseer Sijabulisa Ndzinisa confirmed that 98 000 maidens had been registered by 8pm. He stated that the figure could go up since more maidens were still arriving after issuing out the number that obtained at the time.

COVER STORY

By Nomfundo Sifundza
Ludzidzini

ENERGISED maidens once again flocked to the Ludzidzini and Engabezweni Royal Residences yesterday for registration to be part of the annual Reed Dance ceremony.

The ceremony kicked off on a high note as the jovial maidens sang new songs composed specifically for His Majesty the King congratulating him on his appointment as chairman of the SADC region.

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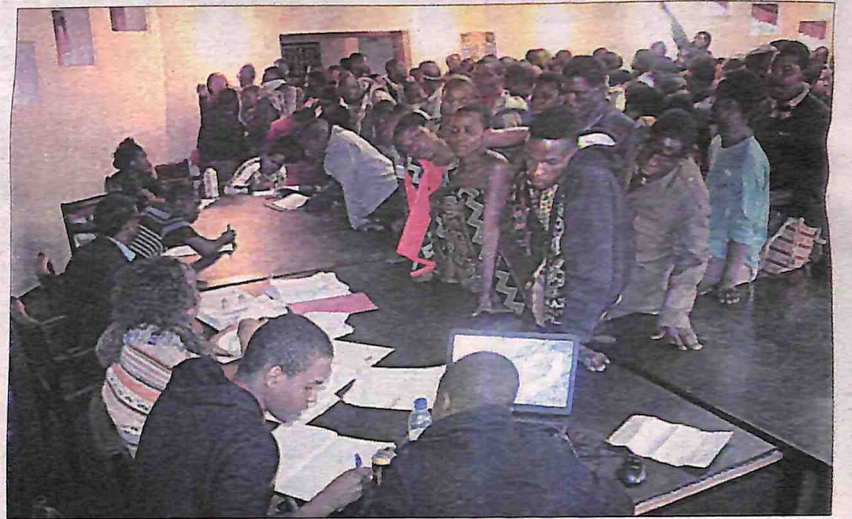
Buses

"For now buses are still coming in with more maidens but I can confirm that 98 000 maidens have been registered for the Reed Dance," he said.

The maidens were ferried in 80 buses from the transport association. The buses were distributed amongst the four regions with each getting 20.

Imbali Overseer Hlangabeza Mdluli emphasised how this year's safety was made a priority for the maidens and he further expressed gratitude to the buses association for partnering with them in ensuring that the maidens arrived at the ceremony safe and sound. "We pray that the ceremony goes well with no injuries incurred," he added.

Interviewed on the coincidence of the SADC Summit and the Reed Dance,



REGISTRATION: Imbali and their tindvuna at the registration point on arrival.

SOME OF THE NEW SONGS

- Siyakhulekela sicela kuthula ku SADC/mdedeleni okandaba/ugwazene okandaba
- Sidlukotini/kotini/sidlukotini (as they gulped down the bread and tea given to them at around 18:30pm)
- Aholile emasotja/sitawudla dvuladvula/sitawudla dvuladvula

Mdluli expressed joy for the country as a whole citing that Swaziland would be a cut above the rest of all SADC countries as the tourists would get to experience the country's beauty in all aspects.

Upon reaching the office of registration, the maidens were received by a team of assigned elder maidens who included Indvuna yeMbali Nonduduzo 'Zuzu' Zubuko who gave out instructions to the clearly excited maidens.

Maidens were advised to uphold the respect Swazis are known for as the Reed Dance coincides with the SADC Summit.

They were also told not to sing derogatory songs, not to apply makeup

and not put on weaves.

The King has prepared showering services with hot water for the maidens.

Zubuko highlighted to the maidens; "You are requested not to use river water as the mornings are still cold, better yet the King has made a provision for all of us to shower with warm water so we are in no danger of catching colds". This was received by loud screams from the maidens.

Today, the Imbali registered at Ludzidzini Royal Residence would assemble to embark on their march to Engabezweni Royal Residence where they would be addressed by His Majesty.

Taiwan donates over E7 million sneakers to Imbali Foundation

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

THE Republic of China on Taiwan Embassy in the country donated sneakers to Imbali Foundation worth over E7 million yesterday.

The sneakers will be distributed to Imbali who will be attending this year's Umhlanga ceremony.

Imbali Foundation Public Relations Officer Israel Matsebula confirmed this, stating that the sneakers were top of the range and were over 60 000 in number.

"The sneakers will be shared amongst the Imbali during Umhlanga ceremony as well as tingaja during Lusekwane," he said.

Matsebula further added that the

sneakers were a unique design and would be revealed during the ceremony.

"The design is top of the range, first of its kind and will be kept as a surprise to everyone until the day they are distributed at the ceremony," Matsebula excitedly explained.

Added

He further added that they decided on sharing with the tingaja regiment because they would be enough for everyone. Handing over the sneakers, Taiwan Ambassador to the country Thomas Chen, said this was a gesture to show their support for Swazi culture.

"This is just a token to show our support for the Swazi culture as it is unique, beautiful and it is what makes the country shine and rise above the rest," he said.

Chen added that the Government of Taiwan congratulates His Majesty King Mswati III on chairing SADC as well as hosting the summit.

Patron of Imbali Foundation Princess Sikhanyiso, through Minister of Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile, said this kind gesture from Taiwan was a sign of genuine friendship that still exists between the two countries.

"We are thankful for this gift as the young girls and boys will benefit immensely from it and we appreciate the continuous support from Taiwan towards these events and Imbali should attend in their numbers in response to His Majesty's announcement of the event," she said.

She also urged the Imbali regiment to take care of themselves before, during and after the ceremony.



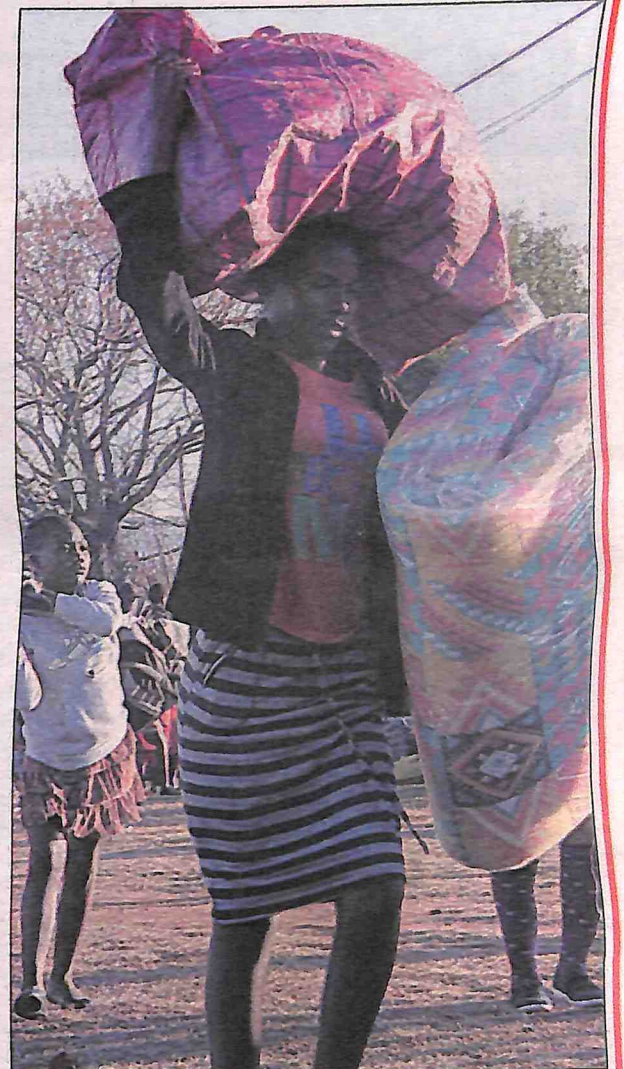
ARMED: Imbali from the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force has also been commissioned.



DANCE: Khulisa Umntfwana Officer, Bheki Shabangu with peer educators, who will be sensitising the Imbali on a number of things affecting young people. This is a programme sponsored by the UNFPA through the ministry of sports culture and youth affairs, implemented by Khulisa Umntfwana.



IN SONG: Imbali dancing up a storm as they get ready to register.



WE ARE HERE: One of the maidens captured with her luggage on arrival.



(R) WORD OF ADVICE: Nondumiso Matsebula having a word with Imbali from Siphocosini, which is her home area.

HAPPY: Imbali in a jovial mood as they arrive for the registration.



IN THEIR NUMBERS: A section of the many maidens who came through to be part of this year's ceremony.



HEEDED: Imbali and their tindvuna on arrival.



TIME FOR RESTING: Tindvuna manning the luggage belonging to the Imbali as they had gone to get themselves something to eat.



FIRST WORLD: The road leading to Ludzidzini Royal Residence has been given a facelift with street lights.



KIKWETE CALLS FOR SADC INTEGRATION

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Kwaluseni

THE SADC region needs to be integrated to better the economic situation of the people.

This was said by former President of Tanzania Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete.

He said this yesterday during a public lecture on the importance of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Lecture

The lecture was held at the Ligcabho Lemaswati Sports Emporium at the Kwaluseni Campus of the University of Swaziland (UNISWA).

Kikwete highlighted that the formation of SADC was aimed at freeing people of Southern Africa from colonialism since many of the countries at that time were still colonised.

He said political freedom would then bring about economic improvement among the SADC countries.

The former president first lectured

about the history of the organisation.

He stated that prior to the formation of the economic region, there was a group of frontline states that had been formed to fight colonialism, especially the apartheid South Africa.

The frontline states consisted of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and, from 1980, Zimbabwe.

He said the SADC was thought to have achieved political independence when South Africa gained independence.

Stability

However, some SADC heads of state thought more had to be done to make sure that political stability was maintained within the SADC region.

The SADC organ in Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, which is known as the SADC TROIKA, was then formed.

He said such was formed more especially because the region had to integrate economically to improve lives of its

people.

Kikwete then stated that people made a mistake of thinking that cooperation and integration was one and the same thing. "You can decide to cooperate as countries even if you are not in one region."

Tanzania can decide to cooperate with Swaziland but that does not mean the countries are integrated," Kikwete said.

He went on to make another example where African countries are trading with the United States of America (USA) through the African Growth and Opportunities Act (AGOA).

Cooperation

He said such was cooperation between Africa and USA, not integration between the two parties.

Integration, according to the former statesman, had to go through some stages to be accomplished.

He said the countries had to remove tariff barriers to allow ease of trade of goods and services between them. This should then give birth to a preferential



INFLUENTIAL: Former Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete speaking at the Kikwete Lecture at the University of Swaziland yesterday. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

trade area (PTA).

Kikwete said the countries should then move to a stage where there should be a customs union for the countries. He made example of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), but complained of the fact that there was no customs union for SADC.

The next stage towards economic integration is monetary union. According to Kikwete, this is when the integrated countries have the same monetary and fiscal policies.

He said the last stage was where the countries were using a single

currency.

Kikwete said SADC wanted to achieve all these by 2018. He said SADC wanted to have a free trade area in 2008, followed by a customs union in 2013. A common monetary area was to follow in 2015, and a single currency stage in 2018. Kikwete said the region had not gone that much in accomplishing any of those objectives.

He urged the people of the region to work towards making sure that such was eventually achieved because this was the main objective behind the formation of SADC.



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Public lecture marks start of SADC summit

PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini described the public lecture as the start of the SADC summit currently held in the country.

Dlamini said this yesterday when addressing former Tanzania President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete.

This was at the Ligcabho Lemaswati Sports Emporium at the University of Swaziland, Kwaluseni Campus.

"Your Excellency, the lecture is effectively the start of this very exciting fortnight for the Kingdom of Swaziland, playing host to the other 14 members of our regional economic and political partnership, the Southern African Development Community

(SADC) and witnessing the taking of the Chair by our Head of State, His Majesty King Mswati III," Dlamini said.

The premier went on to address the former statesman on the importance of the partnership of the SADC countries. He mentioned that such partnership had many benefits than the current and perceived challenges that the region was facing.

"We are all aware that partnership, whether personal, professional, institutional or intentional, invariable offers substantial benefits for that demand a transition overshadow from individualism," he said.

He went on to state that

equally, where there was diversity, whether through size, existing relationships, standards or attitudes, there would be challenges that had to be reconciled with regional economic communities.

Dlamini said the Swazi nation was very much committed to the economic and political partnership represented by the SADC.

He said the nation was also proud to have the King as the chairperson of SADC. He said it was also an honour for the nation to listen to a lecture that was delivered by a person who not only served his country, but a person who also served the region and the whole continent.

Kikwete spends 8 hours at airport

FORMER Tanzania President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete is said to have spent eight hours at the airport.

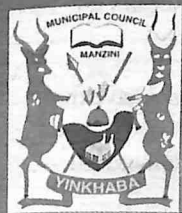
The former Tanzania statesman was supposed to arrive in the country on Monday to deliver the lecture but could not pitch on that day because of the problems he reportedly faced at the airport. He was reportedly facing the prob-

lems at Oliver Tambo International Airport, where he was supposed to connect another flight into the country.

Resilient

Minister for Economic Planning and Development Prince Hlangusemphi praised Kikwete for being resilient and making sure he came and delivered the lecture in the country.

"This shows that you are a real servant of the people, Your Excellency. You have spent eight hours at the airport and you continued showing resilience in that you moved forward with your mandate of finally delivering the lecture here, if it were another person, he would have simply gone back home," Prince Hlangusemphi said.



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MANZINI CITIZENS PLEASE READ THIS

...Give SADC Summit, trade fair visitors warm welcome

Three extremely important events are happening in the Kingdom of Swaziland this month; and the Municipal Council of Manzini appeals for nothing from its citizens except peace, safety and a warm welcome to the country's guests who will take time to visit our beautiful and vibrant city.

This is the time for all Swazis, including citizens of Manzini, to showcase the attributes they are known for – respect, humility and the spirit of *ubuntu*.

The whole of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) will be descending the Kingdom of Eswatini to witness the historic and momentous crowning of His Majesty King Mswati III as the new chairperson of SADC. For that we say, Bayethe Wena Waphakathi!

This defining and long awaited moment gives a perfect opportunity for the country, and Manzini in particular, to prove to our visitors that the beautiful city is not just one of those towns but a perfect ground for tourism and investment.

It is only if the citizens of Manzini will exhibit best behaviour towards our visitors that we can expect them to spread a good word about our beloved city upon return to their respective countries; resulting in investors eyeing Manzini as the ideal place for investment, trade and tourism. Council advocates for accelerated local and foreign direct investment in the city of Manzini but this vision can only be realised if the



citizens play their role – that is good behaviour towards the country's visitors. Manzini needs creation of more jobs for the youth of the city that are currently without jobs; she needs robust tourist inflow so the entrepreneurs – both formal and informal – that exist in the city can realise the desired revenue injection in their enterprises. All of that will only be achieved if we don't scare away potential investors and tourists through bad behaviour. Who wants to visit a city or country that is hostile to its visitors?

Who wants to invest their money in a city or country that is crime infested? Who wants to live in a city or country that is not clean? Certainly no one; and Manzini cannot afford to be seen to be fitting such negative qualities.

That is why, as we approach these important events, we appeal to every citizen of Manzini to ensure zero littering on the city streets. This call is

not only for the city centre but even the neighbourhoods. Let's present ourselves as an environmentally smart citizenry by making use of the litter bins that are available in strategic points around the city. The bad practice of throwing litter through vehicle windows, particularly when aboard public transport, must stop. Not only during the period of the SADC Summit, Swaziland International Trade Fair and the Reed dance but even beyond.

To public transport operators we also appeal for behaviour change. The bad practice of cleaning your vehicles in the mornings and sweeping the litter under your vehicles at the bus rank must stop. Please make use of the skips and other litter bins that are available within the bus terminus.

The city streets and bus rank are always squeaky clean during the night due to the night street sweeping that happens in the city. But come mornings, the beautiful and clean environment quickly degenerates into the direct opposite. That is really bad behaviour and must stop.

To shop owners, we appeal for total cleanliness in the city shops and adherence to food safety standards. It would be so embarrassing for our visitors to pick up expired food items in our shops. Council is so happy there has been considerable improvement in sanitation following the introduction of food grading in the city shops. Let's keep up the good spirit at all times.



FLASHBACK: Municipal Council of Manzini CEO Lungile Dlamini having a serious discussion with the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini about Manzini's journey to vision 2022 at the Council's stand during last year's edition of the Swaziland International Trade Fair.

Make sure you visit Manzini Council exhibition stand

As always, the Municipal Council of Manzini will be participating in this year's Swaziland International Trade Fair.

We, therefore, call on all Manzini citizens who will take time to go to the fair to make sure they don't return home without visiting Council's exhibition stand.

As usual, Council's exhibition stand will be located in Hall Number One of the Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre.

We have been allocated space near the Public Service Pensions Fund, Lidwala Insurance, Swaziland Tourism Authority and Construction Industry Council.

Those who will visit Council's stand are guaranteed of returning home empowered with valuable

information about ongoing projects and programmes as well as development that is planned for the near future.

Most exciting is that, being an innovative Council, even this year ratepayers will have an opportunity to pay their rates by swiping right at the exhibition stand. The even sweeter news is that those who will pay their rates at the exhibition stand will be given exciting tokens of appreciation. Even those who will want to confirm their rates balances or even update their contact details will get that opportunity. Now, one really can't wait to see you at the Municipal Council of Manzini exhibition stand. Visit our stand and return home a happy and empowered man...or woman.

See you there...

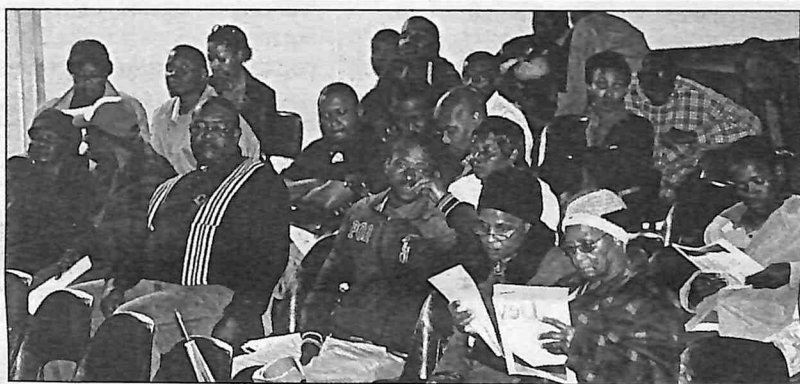
Thank you Ward 7 for attending IDP feedback meeting

...Council meets with Sikhunyana, Ntunja, Murray Camp this Sunday

The Municipal Council of Manzini would like to thank residents of Sterkstroom, Mangwaneni and the area around Manzini Central High School (Ward 7) for attending last Saturday's Integrated Development Plan (IDP) feedback meeting.

The interaction was so constructive and Council noted all your comments.

The Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) was also excited to get service delivery feedback from you. Please do attend ward meetings even in future. At 7:30am on Sunday, at the Murray Camp Soup Kitchen, Council will be meeting with residents of Sikhunyana, Ntunja townships, the area around William Pitcher and Murray Camp informal settlement (Ward 5). Please make sure that, as usual, you attend

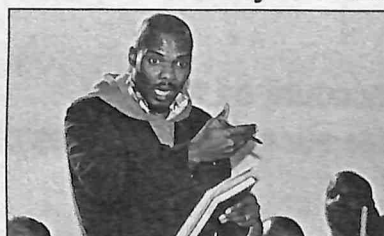


YOUNG AND OLD: The young and old came in their numbers to hear what Manzini Council and SWSC had to say to them.

in your numbers.

The SWSC will also be there to take all your concerns and thereafter spring to action.

If you already have plans for this weekend, please ask a family member to attend the meeting on your behalf so you do not miss out on the news that Council wants to share with you. Tenants and the business sector within this ward are also encouraged to attend the important meeting.



SWSC CORNER: Swaziland Water Services Corporation's Nkhanyeti Shabangu responding to questions relating to water and sewer.



WE APPRECIATE MEETINGS WITH COUNCIL: One of the residents who attended the meeting making a submission.



POLITICIAN: Ward 7 Councillor Khanyisile Mamba stressing a point during her presentation to residents.

Summit will take country to first world - Public

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

MOST people feel the hosting of the 36th SADC Summit will be one of the tools that will help drive the country to attain first world status.

When interviewed yesterday, most respondents stated that the infrastructure that the country has developed would be key to see the king's 2022 vision fulfilled.

Below are some of the responses from the public:
Bongakonkhe Gule - Mankayane

I am grateful for the summit because it has changed the face of the country and we stand to benefit from the infrastructural development as a nation.

Most of the buildings being constructed now are a clear indication of how innovative the country has become, because I feel that attaining first world sta-

tus is more about innovation.

Sicelo Mkhumane - Siphofaneni

To be frank with you, I didn't know about the summit because I am a driver, yet when I saw the signs on the road I got interested and felt the urge to read more about it. So, when I saw Mandvulo Grand Hall in the paper, I was elated that my country is changing for the better.

Sihle Mkhonta - Nhlango

Wow! I am happy with everything that is happening in the country, we

are going places indeed, and I am happy to be alive during this time because these history making events will be something I will be telling my grandchildren about.

Sebenele Shongwe - Mbabane

The lighting system in Manzini alone is amazing, it is easy to drive past that area and I am sure it is a joy for the residents as well. I am used to street lights yet those are what technology is all about.

Sebulelo Nkabindze - Mbabane

I am happy that the summit is hap-

pening during my time; I have met nice people from other countries as well and learnt a few foreign language phrases.

Sihle Mathunjwa - Mbabane

The fact that all eyes and ears will be focused on our beautiful country during our beloved ceremony (Umhlanga) is another milestone because it means people will be talking about the country, so they will be visiting more places, which will improve tourism.

This will also help the country attract more tourists.

WATER CRISIS: RESIDENTS NOW GET 75 LITRES PER HOUSEHOLD

By Nozipho Sibiba
Mbabane

RESIDENTS of Mbabane and affected areas who draw water from stationary tanks during rationing days will now be restricted to 75 litres daily per household under new water-saving measures.

This was announced by National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) CEO Russell Dlamini during a press conference held at the NDMA offices yesterday.

In a bid to mitigate the water crisis in the country, NDMA, in collaboration with Swaziland Water Services Corporation and the ministry of natural resources, placed over 10 water tanks around Mbabane aimed at providing water supply during the four-day rationing period.

Dlamini therefore urged residents to use the water sparingly, saying the Hawane Dam that supplies the capital city and surroundings had reached a critical stage now.

He said using 75 litres per household would enable each person to access clean water whenever they need it.

"Water rationing is expected to stop once the country has received good rains, therefore for now the residents are urged to embrace the situation," he said.

Dlamini also asked the nation to

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THIRST PROJECT: Mbabane residents and affected areas who draw water from stationary tanks during rationing days will now be restricted to 75 litres daily per household under new water-saving measures.

start adopting water recycling measures, saying they should use bathing water to flush their toilets.

"We appealing to the affected individuals to be patient with the water rationing implemented by NDMA in collaboration with SWSC.

We know it is not an easy one but the situation of drought crisis in the country has forced us to implement a four day rationing schedule," he said.

Residents are now required not to wash their cars and also stop watering their backyard gardens.

He also applauded SWSC for being able to use the Mbabane River to supply certain parts of the city.

So far Manzini, Ezulwini and Matsapha are the only places with enough water, added Dlamini.

Also speaking during the press conference was NDMA Operations Manager Sihle Mzileni, who said his department was able to build 24 new boreholes countrywide.

Mzileni said in collaboration with other non-governmental organisations such as World Vision and

Construction companies fight over E24m cake

By Linda Jele
High Court

TWO companies that won a tender to construct institutional houses at Pigg's Peak are embroiled in a court battle over a E24 million tender.

Quick Creations has taken Camdel Construction to court seeking an order directing the latter to remit its share of the amount due to it in the joint venture for the construction of the houses worth E24 million. The company has claimed that the Swaziland National Housing Board awarded the two companies a joint venture and they were to share almost equal the profits.

Quick Creations Managing Director Thulani Nkambule, in an affidavit, claimed that the joint venture agreement was signed in July 2014. He said they had agreed that all paper work

would be in the name of Camdel Construction and it would also own a separate bank account that shall, however, be co-signed.

"It is submitted that, in total disregard with the terms and conditions and in breach of the joint venture agreement, the first respondent (Camdel) commenced works without consulting the applicant. Subsequently, the applicant wrote a correspondence, alerting the first respondent about the breach and further propose a meeting so that the parties may iron out the issues and have their differences resolved and conciliated amicably," Nkambule said.

He alleged that Quick Creations was to reactive 49.5 percent of the profits of all payments, but the breach of the agreement put it in serious financial prejudice. He stated that the works' costs were valued at about E24 million. The matter is pending before the High Court.

Water Affairs Management, they had built 24 new boreholes while rehabilitating 74 during this period.

"Our people in rural areas are now having access to new clean water."

Mzileni also said they were working on logistics of deploying more stationary tanks. He said the organisations submitted

data of the affected areas and NDMA approved the projects.

"We are aware that the already deployed tanks are insufficient and have selected a task team that is currently working on adding more stationary tanks."

He also stressed that residents must adequately use 75 litres (three 25 litres) a day as per humanitarian standard scale.

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KING APPLAUDS NATION FOR SUPPORT OF SADC SUMMIT

Stories by Simon Shabangu
Lozitha Royal Palace

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has applauded companies and the entire Swazi nation for the unity displayed in ensuring that the SADC Summit becomes a success.

The King, who is expected to assume the SADC Summit Chairmanship at the end of the event, made the remarks when addressing company representatives and individuals who came to present donations towards the Summit, which started on Monday.

His Majesty said it was encouraging to see the Swazi nation coming together in this manner and making sure that the country is ready to host the hundreds of delegates including heads of state from the 15 SADC member states who are expected to grace the summit.

The King said the nation proved that they love the country because the success of the summit will put the country in a better place in the region, continent and the entire world.

He said for the summit to become a success it was important to have the support of the entire nation as the people have done. He also expressed joy at the manner in which the country has been cleaned up and decorated for the event. He said the nation has also in many different platforms including Sibaya, wished that the summit becomes a success. He said the nation has prayed for its success and he was confident that it would surely become a success.

"The nation has done well in preparation for the summit even the donations and contributions of different forms to ensure that the summit becomes a success. This is a sign of love and support for such an important regional meeting to be hosted by the country. All the donations are meaningful because they will all be directed towards ensuring the success of the summit," the King said.

A number of companies including government departments came through

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...Hails UNISWA student for contribution

HIS Majesty King Mswati III said it was humbling to learn that a student has sacrificed his pocket money to contribute towards the SADC Summit.

"This is a sign of love for the King and the country by ensuring that the summit becomes a success. It is humbling when the youngest, like a student, would sacrifice part of his living allowance to make such a contribution when the country hosts such an important meeting.

We all know the importance of pocket money to students but one student finds it within himself to bring the little he has and support the country in this summit.

It is all a sign of love and support to the country.

Even those who have given chickens, goats, cows and even vegetables are highly appreciated because all these things are needed when a country hosts such a big number of

to present their contributions before the King. These included all three security forces which each presented E300 000, E200 000 from MedScheme, FTM Garments E20 000 and E10 000 from Manzini City Council.

Others included legislators from both Senate and House of Assembly who contributed E18 600 and E21 000 respectively. Chiefs from the Hhohho Region; former Mbabane Highlanders' Manager Gcina Dlamini who presented two cows and Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala, who presented a cow.

Others who donated included the Mbelebeleni and Mbekelweni Royal kraals and some of King Sobhuza II's

delegates," His Majesty said.

Meanwhile, Nelson Dlodlu, who is a fourth year Agricultural Economics and Business Management UNISWA student, said he decided to take 10 percent of his allowance and contribute towards the summit because of the love he has for the country and King.

Thoughtful

Businessman Walter Bennett also hailed the student, saying it was very thoughtful of him to come and support the King in this manner. He said it was cultural that when the King hosts such an important meeting the nation comes through and give support because this is not just for the King but the country at large.

Bennett was among the many people who were at the palace to contribute as he presented E15 000 and five cows, which he said amounted to E50 000 combined.

grandchildren. Another donation of E10 000 came from Libandla Lase 52, which is a group of the young and old who used to stay at Lozitha Royal Palace.

They donated E10 000.

Minister of Economic Planning and Development Prince Hlangusemphi, who was leading the working committee, told the King that they were still going to reconcile the figures and report accurate figures of the money raised as others were still coming through with donations. He said the money raised on the day was over E1.9 million, which was an estimated figure as other donations came in the form of pledges and services.



THANK YOU: His Majesty King Mswati III addressing company representatives and individuals during the donation towards the SADC Summit at Lozitha Royal Palace. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

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THREE E50m SUSPECTS LOSE ROUND ONE

Stories by Linda Jele
High Court

THREE of the E50 million capacity building fund suspected fraudsters have lost round one of their case.

Posthumously, the late Musa Fakudze's lawyer filed an application to be acquitted and discharged of the fraud charges preferred against her by the state.

She was the former principal secretary in the ministry of finance, which was one of the role players in the capacity building fund launched by His Majesty the King to capacitate Swazis with business skills and funding. She was represented by lawyer Linda Dlamini from Mabila Attorneys who in turn instructed Advocate Mduduzi Mabila in the case. The application for discharge was moved in terms of Section 174 (4) of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act.

Channel S boss Qhawe Mamba and Priscilla Matsebula, the Director of Masima Consultancy, also filed their own application before trial Judge

...Qhawe, the late Musa Fakudze and Priscilla Matsebula had filed an application to be acquitted and discharged of the fraud charges

Nkululeko Hlophe.

Mamba was represented by lawyer Sandzile Khoza while Matsebula appeared in person. The state, represented by Principal Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo from the director of public prosecutions (DPP) chambers, opposed the applications.

Submitted

Mabila submitted that since Fakudze died in June 2015 and the crown had closed its case, it would be pointless to continue with the case with her still part of the proceedings because she would not be there to state her defence. He said criminal proceedings were against a person and if that person was no more, there would be nobody to find guilty or innocent. He also moved an application to have Fakudze's immovable properties, which were attached by the state after their arrest, to be released to her estate.

"If this court can decline to acquit the first accused person (Fakudze) it would mean she has a case to answer and the

court may convict her.

Will it be possible for her to present her defence? The answer is no. The court cannot convict her without her having stated her side," Mabila said.

He further submitted that if the court cannot convict Fakudze for the reason that she would not have been able to state her side, the judge was enjoined to exercise his discretion and acquit her because she cannot in law be found guilty. He further submitted that the crown never at any stage of its case led evidence that linked Fakudze's attached properties to the commission of the alleged crime. He said there was nothing said to the effect that the properties had been purchased using proceeds of the said crime.

Judge Hlophe asked Mabila what would happen if one of the suspects, in their defence, linked Fakudze and the properties. Mabila said at the stage of the trial, fresh evidence would not be accepted because it would not have been put to the state witnesses.

He said the crown would not even introduce fresh evidence because that would be taken to be an afterthought, which is inadmissible. Lawyer Khoza, for Channel S boss, submitted that the crown had failed to lead evidence warranting Mamba to defend himself.

Failed

"The crown has failed beyond reasonable doubt to adduce evidence which would require the third accused (Mamba) to be called to his defence, therefore he should be acquitted and discharged," Khoza said.

Matsebula, in her application for acquittal and discharge, received tough questions from the judge because she seemed not to understand the intention of the application she had made.

She and her company, Masima Consultancy, are charged with E980 400 fraud in that they wrote people's names in reports and claimed to have trained them when such was not true. She said the crown led expert evidence who proved she was the one who had

signed the said reports. However, the judge told her the expert crown witness' intention was to prove that she was the one who signed the fraudulent list of people. He said the expert's evidence linked her to the crime. She stated that she had submitted a written application that contained all her arguments which she was having difficulty to make verbally.

The judge, in a brief ruling, said a lot was said about Fakudze during the crown's case which required answers. Judge Hlophe said since she had died, the law would provide what would become of the evidence. He said the application for discharge was ill-conceived. Of the attached properties, the judge said he would only make a determination at the conclusion of the trial. He also dismissed Mamba's application on the grounds that he had been charged with many others in respect of the offence, but was the only one that filed for discharge who never said anything. He said they were charged with a common purpose.

"It seems there was no financial prejudice, but only some controls, which I do not know. We will have to hear what has to be said about the controls and common purpose. There is evidence linking Ms Matsebula with the crime that has to be answered. I cannot allow the applications and they are dismissed," Judge Hlophe said.

Could Qhawe have been charged with lesser offence – Judge

JUDGE Nkululeko Hlophe has opined there is a difference between misrepresentation and fraud.

For fraud to be said to have occurred, there has to be potential or actual prejudice, but in Qhawe Mamba's case, he rendered services and was paid for that.

He made the statements during submissions made by Principal Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo when he opposed Mamba's application to be acquitted and discharged of the fraud charges.

Nxumalo submitted that Mamba was charged for defrauding the state together with others in furtherance of a common purpose. He said the company, Swazi Enterprises, was awarded a tender during the capacity building exercise when it had not been registered.

He said the crown proved that Mamba participated actively and rendered services when he was well aware it was a criminal activity.

"The crown led evidence of



LESSER OFFENCE? Qhawe Mamba.

Nkosingiphile Dlamini who linked him at length". However, Judge Hlophe wanted to know what fraudulent act Mamba committed.

He said for fraud to occur, there has to be potential or actual prejudice.

"Was it not misrepresentation here, because the work was done and payment was done for services rendered? What

prejudice did the state suffer? Yes, there was misrepresentation, but the accused delivered and was paid for that," the judge stated.

He asked if the crown distinguished between fraud and misrepresentation.

Nxumalo said there was no need for financial prejudice to happen for fraud to be realised. He said the tendering processes were flawed and Mamba was aware of that.

Administrative

The judge said such could be an administrative issue. The judge stressed that he has not made any decision yet on the issues.

In his ruling, he dismissed Mamba's application for discharge on the grounds that his co-accused had not filed anything. He said the state had said there were some controls that were breached. Justice Hlophe said Mamba would have to wait to hear what those controls were, but to him, there was no financial prejudice caused to the state.

Insolvent Thango dumped by lawyer

INHLAVA Consultancy Director Sebenzile Thango has been dumped by her attorney Mandla Mkhwanazi and will now conduct her own defence because she is insolvent.

This was heard by High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe when the E50m fraud trial resumed yesterday morning. Thango and her company had all along been represented by Mkhwanazi in the matter. However, when the legal representatives introduced themselves before High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe,

Mkhwanazi announced that he has withdrawn from being Thango and Inhlava Consultancy's legal representative. He did not cite reasons.




This prompted the judge to quiz how Thango intended to proceed in the case. "I am insolvent My Lord. I will represent myself and the company," she said, without going into detail.

The judge said Thango representing her company was a legal question that needed to be looked at, but said for now she



TOLD: High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe.

would be considered to be only representing herself, not the company.

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Scope of Contract: Fifty-one (51) Units
Duration: 6-12 Weeks
Lot No. One (1)

Contract Signature Date: 25th May, 2016

Awarded Bidder		
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price
Ithuba Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E414,654.00	E414,654.00

Evaluated Bidder(s)		
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid
Waxola Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E275,289.35	E275,289.35
Sindroe Investments Ltd, Matsapha, Swaziland	E516,114.60	E516,114.60
Ithuba Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E414,654.00	E414,654.00

Rejected Bidder(s)		
Name of rejected bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Reason(s) for rejection
Waxola Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E275,289.35	Did not provide brochures with information about the products as required.
Sindroe Investments Ltd, Matsapha, Swaziland	E516,114.60	Bidder's Price was high

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Scope of Contract: Four Hundred and thirty five (435) Units
Duration: 6-12 Weeks
Lot No. Two (2)

Contract Signature Date: 25th May, 2016

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Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price
Ithuba Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E687,753.00	E687,753.00

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Waxola Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E372,706.50	E372,706.50
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'NAKED' PASTOR ABSCONDS FIRST DAY OF HEARING

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE Mnjoli based pastor did not attend the first day of his case before the Dvokolwako Inner Council on Saturday.

Interviewed by this publication yesterday, Emvelo Royal Kraal Indvuna John Sibandze said after having reported the matter to Lubombo Regional Administrator (RA) Sylvia Mthethwa last week, she gave the inner council the go-ahead to proceed with the case.

Aldutry

The pastor faces allegations of committing adultery after he was allegedly found in a compromising position with a married woman, who goes to the same church. "We had summoned the pastor to Emvelo Royal Kraal last Saturday. It was unfortunate that he was not present whereas his assailants were there in their numbers."

Sibandze said several attempts to reach him hit a snag as his phone was unavailable the whole day until he

dismissed all the people who had come for the case.

Assault

"Following several attempts to get hold of him, we opted to give him another chance after the Reed Dance ceremony," he said.

However, Sibandze said in the event the pastor absconded again, the inner council would take further steps.

The matter was initially sent back to the Umphakatsi by the Swazi

National Court to resolve after the pastor had opened a case of assault against the residents.

Sibandze had previously summoned the residents where they were asked to present the merits and evidence of the allegations against the pastor.

After the residents failed to present any evidence to be considered concrete enough to punish the pastor, the matter was then referred to the RA.

Sibandze said he referred the

matter to the RA because part of her duties was to resolve disputes in communities, where there are no chiefs in place. However, Mthethwa gave the inner council the mandate to finalise the matter.

The pastor is alleged to have been busted half-naked and allegedly ran away after the encounter with the married woman.

After the pastor reported the incident, a restraining order was issued by

the court, barring the residents from troubling the man of God. The court order was delivered at Emvelo Royal kraal by the police officers from Mliba. The residents were restrained and interdicted from entering or going near the pastor's church at Mnjoli, his congregates and him as well pending finalisation of the matter. The respondents were also ordered to unlock the church premises.

...The pastor faces allegations of committing adultery after he was allegedly found in a compromising position with a married woman, who goes to the same church.

Stolen car rolls at Malagwane

Stories by Samukelisiwe
Ginindza
Mbabane

A driver of a Toyota Corolla got the shock of his life when his car was stolen while parked at Mahwalala Butchery on Saturday night.

The driver had left his car parked in front of the butchery for about 15 minutes to run some errands around 7:30pm, whereupon his return, he found his car gone.

Report

The man is said to be a health ministry employee under the EPR department.

According to eye witnesses, so shocked was the man that he asked the people who were around where his car was parked.

He promptly called the police to report his stolen car.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer

Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, confirmed the incident stating they were looking for the culprits.

"Yes, a car was reported missing on Saturday and the Royal Swaziland Police then found it having overturned at Malagwane Hill later on," Vilakati said.

The car was found around 2am on Sunday badly dam-

aged yet there was no one inside. It is believed that whoever stole the vehicle was on the way down the hill before the car was involved in the accident.

"There were blood stains inside yet the culprits were not on sight when the police arrived at the scene," Vilakati added. The suspects have not been found yet.

...We will find them - Police

ACTING Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, vowed they would find the run-away suspects.

She said police were investigating the matter and asked the public to help them with any kind of information that might lead to the arrest of the suspects.

"Since the car was found,

we will be able to find the suspect and when we do, the law will take its course," she vowed. Police forensics department officers are working around the clock to find the culprits from the evidence left inside the car. "The long arm of law the will catch up with them, they might have fled the scene but the traces left behind will lead the police to where ever they are," Vilakati said.

Police bust more dagga dealers

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

ROYAL Swaziland Police arrest at least one or two people each day for being found in possession of dagga without a permit or licence.




Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that almost every day there were at least one or two suspects apprehended for being in the possession of dagga. "Dagga remains a headache to the police and the community

at large.

The most affected areas in the country are those in the Northern Hhohho, Dvokolwako, Mafucula, Mkhitsini and many more," she said. She said from last Wednesday to Monday this week, they arrested four suspects in connection with dagga.

According to police reports, Mbabane police arrested and charged a 46-year-old man of Dvokolwako for being found in possession of dagga weighing E42kg with a street value of E33 000, without a licence or permit while at Ngwenya

Border gate. At Ngwenya border as well, police arrested a 26-year-old man of Dvokolwako for possession of dagga weighing 20.7kg with a street value of E16 560, without a licence. "The recent suspects are almost all from Dvokolwako and surrounding areas such as Zandondo and Madlangemphisi in the Northern Hhohho Region. On Sunday, we arrested and charged a 29-year-old man of Zandondo, a place near the Mbuluzi River in Dvokolwako. He was found in a possession of dagga weighing 21kg with a street value of E12 600 while at Zandondo," said a source.

SWAZILAND HEALTH, HIV/AIDS & TB PROJECT
2404 3936/ 2404 8840

Contract Awarded through NCB
NCB No: MOH/HHATB/LE&F/GSNS/01/2016: GOOD SHEPHERD NURSING SCHOOL

Project Name: Health, HIV/AIDS and TB Project (HHATB)
Country: Swaziland
Project ID: P110156

Bid/Contract Description: **Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of Lab Equipment**
Scope of Contract: Four Hundred and Forty five (445) Units
Duration: 6-12 Weeks Contract Signature Date: Re-advertised
Lot No. One (1)

Awarded Bidder		
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price
None	N/A	N/A

Evaluated Bidder(s)		
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid
Brookln investments Ltd Mbabane Swaziland	E2,960,580.30	E2,960,580.30

Rejected Bidder(s)		
Name of rejected bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Reason(s) for rejection
Brookln investments Ltd Mbabane Swaziland	E2,960,580.30	Did not tender for items 1.6, 1.11, 1.23, 1.32, 1.35, 1.36, 1.37 therefore omitted quoting on these items and as this bid was evaluated and allocated as per Lot, they did not comply

Bid/Contract Description: Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of General Equipment
Scope of Contract: Twenty (20) Units
Duration: 6-12 Weeks Contract Signature Date: **25th May, 2016**
Lot No. Two (2)

Awarded Bidder		
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price
Brookln investments Ltd Mbabane Swaziland	E117,838.74	E117,838.74

Evaluated Bidder(s)		
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid
Brookln investments Ltd Mbabane Swaziland	E117,838.74	E117,838.74

Rejected Bidder(s) None		
Name of rejected bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Reason(s) for rejection
N/A		

Bid/Contract Description: Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of Furniture
Scope of Contract: Three hundred and forty four (344) Units
Duration: 6-12 Weeks Contract Signature Date: **25th may, 2016**
Lot No. Three (3)

Awarded Bidder		
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price
Brookln investments Ltd, Mbabane, Swaziland	E456,967.47	E456,967.47

Evaluated Bidder(s)		
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid
Brookln investments Ltd, Mbabane, Swaziland	E456,967.47	E456,967.47
Ithuba Investment, Mbabane, Swaziland	E510,644.00	E510,644.00

Rejected Bidder(s)		
Name of rejected bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Reason(s) for rejection
Ithuba Investment, Mbabane, Swaziland	E510,644.00	Bidder's Price was high

Bid/Contract Description: Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of Medical Equipment
Scope of Contract: Seventy five (75) Units
Duration: 6-12 Weeks Contract Signature Date: **25th may, 2016**
Lot No. Four (4)

Awarded Bidder		
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price
ASDMedical, Mbabane, Swaziland	E371,443.23	E371,443.23

Evaluated Bidder(s)		
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid
Brookln investments Ltd, Mbabane, Swaziland	E364,718.96	E364,718.96
Ithuba Investment, Mbabane, Swaziland	E408,598.50	E408,598.50
ASDMedical, Mbabane, Swaziland	E371,443.23	E371,443.23

Rejected Bidder(s)		
Name of rejected bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Reason(s) for rejection
Brookln investments Ltd, Mbabane, Swaziland	E364,718.96	Did not provide brochures with information about the products as required.
Ithuba Investment, Mbabane, Swaziland	E408,598.50	Bidder's Price was high

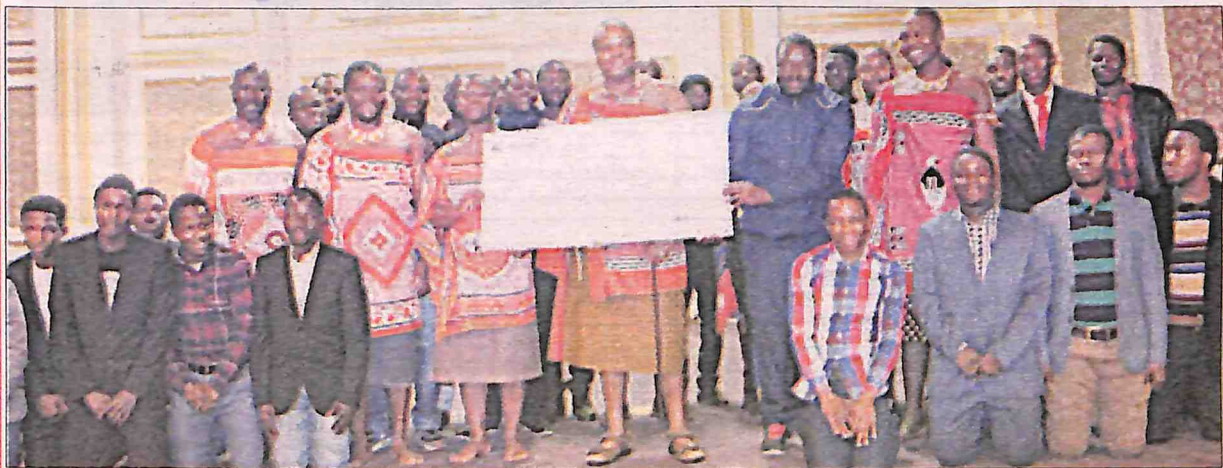
Bid/Contract Description: Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of Training Material
Scope of Contract: Twenty three (23) Units
Duration: 6-12 Weeks Contract Signature Date: **25th may, 2016**
Lot No. Five (5)

Awarded Bidder		
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price
ASDMedical, Mbabane, Swaziland	E371,443.23	E371,443.23

Evaluated Bidder(s)		
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid
Sindroe Distributors Ltd, Mbabane, Swaziland	E258,211.70	E258,211.70
ASD Medical, Mbabane, Swaziland	E504,763.65	E504,763.65



MORE SADC DONATIONS



LIBANDLA LASE 52: Ncumbi Maziya, Jomo Dlamini, Khandlela Mdluli and Sgodvo Motsa leading the group from Lozitha Royal Palace known as Libandla lase 52 who contributed E10 000. This was during the donation towards the SADC Summit to the King at Lozitha Royal Palace. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



ME TOO: Thayi Dube presented two cows on behalf of Gcina Tsalalisa Dlamini of Luyengweni who is also former Mbabane Highlanders Manager.



BAYETHE: Wandile Dlamini also presented a cow to the King.



WENA WAPHA KATHI: Bagezile Ngcamphalala representing her father, Minister David Ngcamphalala who presented a cow.



POSE: Alec Mzileni and Dr Nicholas Nyawo representing the Matsapha Evangelical Church which also donated to the King.



WE CAN DO IT: The cleaning and landscaping department at Lozitha Palace could not be left out.



SUPPORT: Mbelebeleni Royal Kraal representatives also came through for a contribution.



SMILING ALL THE WAY: His Majesty with Senators Lungile Gama, Deputy President Ngomuyayona Gamedze, Bonsile Mngomezulu and Moimoi Masilela who also contributed.



CONTRIBUTIONS: Members of Parliament also made a cash contribution towards the Summit. They were represented by Chief Magudvulela, Jomo Dlamini, Njabulo Mabuza, Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini, Senator Lungile Gama and James Simelane.



WHAT WE HAVE: FM Garments representatives were also there to present a cheque.



US TOO: Manzini Municipal Council Mayor Khethokuhle Dlamini and his deputy Sipho Masuku presented E10 000 cash on behalf of the municipality.



BATUKULU: Batukulu Bengwenyama also came through to donate.



ALSO THERE: A section of the company representatives and individuals who came through to contribute towards the SADC Summit.



BAYETHE: King Mswati III received a E200 000 donation from Chairperson of AfroCentric Group, Dr Anna Mokgokong and her deputy, Joe Madungandaba to be used towards hosting the ongoing Southern African Development Community Summit. (Pic: Lucky Nxumalo)

AFROCENTRIC GROUP DONATES E200 000 TO SADC SUMMIT

AfroCentric Group, the holding company of Medscheme Swaziland, has donated R200 000 to the Swaziland government towards hosting the ongoing Southern African Development Community (SADC) Summit.

"AfroCentric Group is committed to supporting development issues in our region, especially in health care.

● *Handing over the donation, Dr Mokgokong said strong public-private partnerships are a cornerstone of development in the region adding this donation underscored AfroCentric's commitment to development.*

It is for this reason that we are making this contribution to the SADC," said Dr Anna Mokgokong, Chairperson of

the AfroCentric Group. **Critical** She added that it was crucial for leaders to come

together and discuss critical matters of regional importance, including healthcare.

Dr Mokgokong pointed out that at the heart of all the Group's business activities on the continent, including Medscheme Swaziland, was a commitment to provide access to sustainable and affordable health-care.

She pointed out that in this regard, the Group had for a number of years (36 years) been a partner of the Swazi medical aid scheme (SwaziMed) and played a significant role, especially in skills development, job creation and health wellness in Swaziland.

Provide

"Through our subsidiary, Medscheme Swaziland, our aim is to provide service excellence and cost containment for the members of

SwaziMed scheme," said Dr Mokgokong.

The donation was presented by Dr Mokgokong to His Majesty King Mswati III, on Monday night at Lozitha Palace.

Handing over the donation, Dr



Mokgokong said strong public-private partnerships were a cornerstone of development in the region

adding that the donation underscored AfroCentric's commitment to development.

Body

The SADC Summit is a statutory meeting of the 15-nation regional body which convenes annually to examine the performance of the regional institutions and

reviews the overall implementation of the body's socio-economic programmes.

SADC member states are; South Africa, Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

AfroCentric Group, listed on the JSE Securities Exchange, is a black-owned entity that provides health administration and risk management solutions to the health care funding industry.

Services

In addition, AfroCentric provides a range of complementary services to its traditional medical scheme clients as well as a portfolio of health care-related enterprises. These services include IT solutions, transactional switching and specialised disease management.



SWAZILAND RAILWAY

VACANCY: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Swaziland Railway (SR) was established through the Railway Act of 1962 with a vision to become a regional leader in rail transport services for import and export of commodities as well as transit cargo. The parastatal now seeks to recruit a qualified professional to fill the position of Chief Financial Officer.

PURPOSE: To design financial strategy and objectives, identify and develop internal systems in alignment with SR's risk matrix and appetite, manage cashflows in terms of investment strategy and policy and prepare annual financial reports in compliance with the Act and other regulatory frameworks and international accounting best practices.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Financial Management
- Compliance with Regulatory Requirements
- Performance Management
- IT Governance
- Administration and Customer Relations
- Safety

QUALIFICATIONS

- Degree in commerce, finance or equivalent plus professional qualification.
- Membership to a recognised professional body.
- Ability to manage a wide spectrum of skilled personnel and consultants
- 10 years of relevant experience, 5 of which should be at senior finance management level

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Written applications to be accompanied by curriculum vitae and certified copies of certificates.

- Closing Date: Friday 26th August 2016
- Directed to: The Recruitment Consultant, KQ Consulting (Pty) Ltd
- Delivered to: Kobla Quashie and Associates, Mallya House, Lot 137 Esser Street, Manzini
- E-mailed to: recruitment@kq.co.sz
- Appointment will be subject to competency assessments and background checks
- Correspondence will be limited to short-listed applicants.

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CECI Engineering Consultants, Inc., Taiwan



For: Ministry of Health

RE: INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE MBABANE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL REFERRAL AND EMERGENCY COMPLEX AT MBABANE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL. Project No: H330/15299.

Tenderers are invited from locally registered Building Contractors for the proposed Construction of the Mbabane Government Hospital Referral and Emergency Complex at Mbabane Government Hospital. Only firms that hold a valid registration certificate issued by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) and of which at least 60% of the controlling shares are owned by Swazi citizens will be considered. The qualification process will include the evaluation of personnel capabilities, equipment capabilities, financial standing, previous experience and current work load.

- Bonafide tenders should comprise the following:
- Certified copy of a valid registration certificate issued by CIC for Building Works Contractors, B1 category,
- A completed set of Tender Document
- A tenderer's valid tax clearance certificate (for Government Tender)
- A copy of the General Receipt as proof of purchase
- Certified copy of original Trading License, E500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Emalangeni) Tender deposit in a form of a Bank Guaranteed Cheque (directed to Microprojects) or a guarantee from suitable and registered financial entity.
- Certified copy of a valid Labour Compliance Certificate from the Ministry of Labour
- Submission of a Company current Form J, stamped by the Registrar of Companies with certified copies of Directors IDs (both sides) and
- Submission of a Company current Form C, stamped by the Registrar of Companies
- Audited Financials for 3 years

Tender Documents will be available from 8:00am to 4:00pm from Thursday, 18th of August 2016 and may be collected from:

Microprojects Programme
Suite 102, Dlan'ubeka House, Corner of LaLufadlana & Mdada Streets
Mbabane

Tenderers are advised to pay a **E1500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Emalangeni only)** non-refundable amount at the Government Revenue Office and should use code **233/1201/04199/G51299** when making payment. Companies are advised to consult Microprojects Unit office on the availability of tender documents prior to payment. **The unit will not be liable for the refund in the event one pays for unavailable tender documents.**

Compulsory site inspection is scheduled as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SITE INSPECTION	MEETING PLACE
Thursday 25 th of August 2016: 1000hours	Mbabane Government Hospital OPD Parking Lot

Please note that Tenderers who will not attend the site inspection will not be evaluated.

- Date and place of tender submission: **Thursday 15th of September 2016** at the Office of the Employer
- Time for submission: **10:00hrs** Prompt Swaziland time (No late submission shall be entertained for whatsoever reason)
- Opening: **10:05hrs** Swaziland time

Completed tenders should be delivered in a sealed envelope to the Microprojects Office and the envelope should only show the Project Name, Project Number and addressed to:

The Coordinator
Microprojects Programme
First Floor Dlan'ubeka Building
P.O. Box 2122
MBABANE

Any action or tendencies that will be interpreted as an attempt to interfere with or influence the tendering process will result in immediate disqualification of the Tenderer. Enquiries and/or clarification must be in writing and addressed to Mr. M. Dube at Tel: 2 404 0199, Fax: 2404 0516, email: sd393mmd@gmail.com

Microprojects Programme does not bind itself to award the lowest or any tender.

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NORTHERN HHOHHO NEWS

...With

Sizwe Dlamini

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UP IN ARMS: Shots were fired into the air to disperse striking Plantation workers yesterday.

COPS FIRE SHOTS TO CONTAIN STRIKING PLANTATION WORKERS

TWO shots were fired by the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) riot squad as the strike by the Plantation Forestry Company workers threatened to get out of control.

The strike, which entered its ninth day yesterday, shows no sign of slowing down as communication between both sides remains a challenge. Yesterday, two shots were fired in the air by the riot police squad in an effort to control the rowdy workers. The employees tested the police patience by trying to go past the demarcated barrier line set by the police under instruction from the Plantation Forestry Company.

Panic

Chairperson of the Swaziland Agriculture & Plantations Workers Union (SAPAWU) Sibusiso Masuku said after the workers were divided into three groups they proceeded to demonstrate within the demarcated area but after sometime the group moved towards the east of the company before proceeding to demonstrate in front of a group of police.

The group then scattered causing

one police officer to fire two warning shots into the air, which caused panic amongst the workers. However, no one was hurt.

Masuku said: "We were shocked by the gunshots but we are not backing down. It seems our complaints are not being heard by the administration. First we were told that we cannot hold our legal strike inside our work premises so we were forced to demonstrate along the dangerous road.

Picket

Then we were allowed to picket inside the Plantation Company premises but now we want to take the strike to our work stations."

Communication by both sides has reached an all time low and it seems only the Industrial Court can now force the two parties to the negotiation table, said Secretary General of the Swaziland Agriculture & Plantations Workers Union (SAPAWU) Manqoba Dlamini.

Dlamini said on the ninth day of the workers' strike he could see light at the end of the tunnel as the ministry of labour and social security

was to act as a reconciliatory force and place all parties at the proposed negotiation table. "After nine long days of striking we have seen another breakthrough; we expect the ministry of labour and social security to set a date for the start of negotiations as we intend to reopen communication between ourselves and the administration. Communication between the two of us ceased after the company claimed that our legal strike was violent and we should strike outside the premises. This was nonsense because we did not resort to violence at any point in time. Right now we are still at the Industrial Court to determine the areas in which we can continue our lawful strike action." Dlamini further stated that he would be joining the rest of the Plantation workers at the head of the picket line this morning.

The strike is over wages as the workers demand a salary increment of E35 per day to be added to their monthly wage of E66 per day.

The administration at the Plantation Forest Company declined to comment.

Brave fire-fighters battling to control Peak Timbers forest fires

BRAVE fire-fighters are still battling to quell the wild fire that started on Monday on a commercial land owned by Peak Timbers.

The fire started at a section called Mkhumbane and within three hours it had spread to an estimated 10km in a horizontal direction to Bulembu.

According to a senior fire-fighter, the fire had since been contained at specific areas but they were still battling to control it in other areas. Suspicions have risen that the fire could have been a result of an arson attack.

"It is still not clear how the fire started but we can confirm that it was an arson attack and we suspect that it has a direct link between dagga farmers who were located at Mkhumbane who had their dagga fields destroyed earlier last week by the Royal Swaziland Police Service," he said.

A senior police officer at Pigg's Peak Police Station con-

firmed that a dagga raid had taken place inside the Peak Timber forests around the area of Mkhumbane a few days before the incident of forest fires.

It is said the dagga plants, which were in advanced stages of maturity were destroyed using a special spray.

The officer said: "We did destroy dagga fields within that area a few days ago we also confiscated water pipes that were used to irrigate the dagga fields, we are not ruling out that this fire might be retaliation by the dagga dealers who are angry that we destroyed their fields."

According to Police Deputy Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, the police recently conducted a dagga destroying exercise where a massive 30 hectares of dagga fields were destroyed at Ndeva and Mkhumbane.



STOP FOREST FIRES: Fire still burning 24hours later but in a controlled environment.

Over 1 000 Northern Hhohho maidens off to Reed Dance

OVER 1 000 maidens from the Northern Hhohho were transported in buses to the annual Umhlanga Reed Dance Ceremony.

The buses from the Zulu Kaya Lami Transport Company all gathered at the parking lot outside the Gobolondlo Hall yesterday morning to transport over 1 000 maidens to the ceremony.

The buses had been arranged to transport all the maidens from the Northern Hhohho region while

trucks were on standby to carry their luggage.

Registration

"We want what's best for our maidens and travel in style as you can see the coaches that will transport them," said Pigg's Peak Pick-up Point Coordinator Nokuthula Mndzebele.

Mndzebele stated that this year's turnout was mighty impressive and that the maidens from Northern Hhohho would steal the show at the ceremony.

"I have to admit that this year's turnout looks higher than last year's because I was also present during the registration process last year. We have buses for the young maidens and it's obvious that the buses won't be enough to carry all of them but we have been assured that they will come back to fetch the remaining maidens.

The buses will then receive a police escort to their destination," Mndzebele elaborated.



IN NUMBERS: Over one thousand maidens from Northern Hhohho going to the Umhlanga Reed Dance ceremony yesterday.

HODs TO MARCH TO CABINET TOMORROW

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

SCHOOL Heads of Department (HODs) have threatened to march to cabinet offices tomorrow if their demands are not met.

The HODs meet at Coronation Park in Mbabane on Monday to discuss a way forward concerning their matter.

Aggrieved

They are aggrieved about the recent salary review that benefited civil servants while they claim to have been overlooked or even put in a worse situation than they were.

The salary review was awarded to civil servants last month after intense negotiations which dragged for months between government and public sector unions.

The HODs had their salary cut by up to E700 while others had their salaries increased by E54.

The HODs are fighting the battle through the Swaziland National Association of

Teachers (SNAT), which is their union.

There are two issues that were discussed at the Coronation Park with one of them being the intended march tomorrow.

The other one was the postponed case of their members who were charged for disturbing the public by rolling stones on the road leading to the cabinet offices at Hospital Hill in Mbabane. The case was postponed to September 8 at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court.

Met

Addressing the SNAT members, who were less than 50 at Coronation Park, SNAT Secretary General Muzi Mhlunga said they eventually met the Government Negotiating Team (GNT) last Thursday. He said they were yet to discuss the demands they wanted from government.

"They said if we had problems with the salary review, we must appeal so that our case can be heard.

We said to them we will

not appeal," Mhlunga said.

He went on to say they told the GNT that they had proceeded to forward the petition to Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini, who is the Chairperson of the Joint Negotiation Forum (JNF).

Mhlunga said if Dlamini failed to give them satisfactory responses by today, they would march again tomorrow.

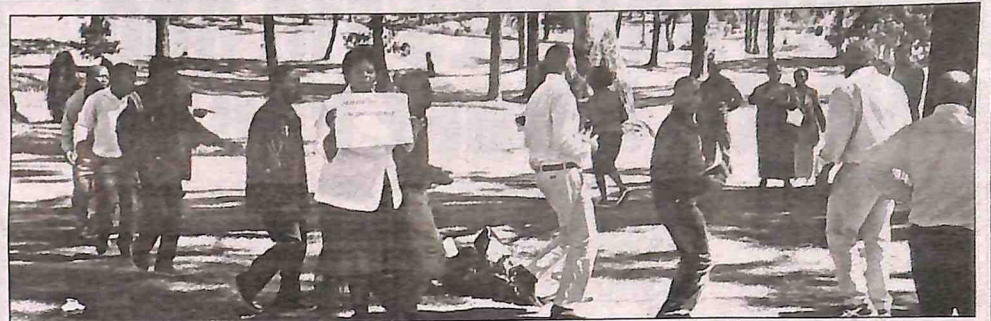
He said they would start by marching to the ministry of public service before proceeding to the cabinet offices.

Government

Meanwhile, SNAT President Freedom Dlamini said they were not content with government's handling of the matter.

"They cannot show us what they are doing in the collective agreement we have with them," Dlamini said.

He said the addendum they were talking about was not applicable because it was not there during the signing of the collective agreement.



NOT BACKING DOWN: HODs and other SNAT members who were part of the briefing that took place on Monday at Coronation Park in Mbabane. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)

Some HODs not participating in strike

THERE was a complaint among SNAT members that some of the HODs were not taking part in the ongoing strike action to resolve the issue of their pay.

So serious was the issue that at some stage, the SNAT members even sang a song suggesting that the people for whom the battle was fought were benefitting from others' toil.

Mhlunga, when addressing the members, told them such was a huge problem. He said they had to take some time and teach their members about the importance of such strikes.

He said it was important for all workers to understand that if some amongst them were faced with a problem, they all had to shoulder it.

"The problem we are facing now is termed as a 'teachers'

challenge' yet it can affect everyone," Mhlunga said.

He said the same thing applied with nurses.

If they had problems, it would be difficult to see a teacher to providing moral support to them.

He said the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) was in the process of educating its members about the importance of such solidarity.

Thieves leave mkhulu's house clean

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

AN old man from Siyendle under Gege Constituency could not believe his eyes when he woke up to find his house had been wiped clean by thieves.

Senzenjani Nhlabatsi, believed to be in his early 70s, went to bed on Sunday night, only to wake up on Monday to find he was left with what he was wearing. Thieves reportedly sneaked into the house as he was asleep and stolen everything.

Asleep

It is believed the old man had forgotten to lock the door. Apparently he had tuned into the radio and was listening to the popular radio programme 'Khala Mdumbadumbane' at around 8pm on Sunday when he suddenly fell asleep, forgetting to lock the door.

Others claimed there was a possibility that the thugs could have first burnt a 'substance' which led to the old man to 'black-out' before stealing everything inside the house.

Nhlabatsi, who is living alone in a one-room stick and mud house, is a widower and lost two of his sons long ago.

He survives through the

social grant that the elderly get paid quarterly. Some of the items stolen were bought with the grant money.

Once inside, the thieves ransacked the house and searched all over with the hope of finding where the old man's money was hidden.

However, having turned almost everything upside down and being careful not to wake mkhulu from his 'peaceful' sleep, they managed to find an undisclosed amount of money from the pockets of the pants he was wearing. They also lifted him from his bed and placed him on the floor.

Tears

Bucopho of the area Mfaniseni Vilakati, said he was informed about the old man's situation on Monday and when he saw him he was close to tears.

He said Nhlabatsi was still too shocked when he related the incident to him and was trembling at the same time.

"At first, I thought he was shivering because of the cold but when he started relating what had happened, I was devastated.

He told me he was left with only what he was wearing," said Vilakati.

He said Nhlabatsi told him that everything had been stolen and he was also not

comfortable to return to his home as he feared the thieves were going to come back for him. "His worry is that since the thieves took everything, should they find him in the house and with nothing to take, chances were they could kill him," said Vilakati.

The bucophu said the thieves went away with the radio Nhlabatsi had left on when he fell asleep on Sunday night.

Other items stolen included blankets, dishes, pots as well as many other valuables which were in the house as well as an undisclosed amount of money.

Danger

He then appealed to the nation to assist the old man with anything including proper shelter as even the stick and mud house he lives in was a danger to him.

"Most importantly, he doesn't have food. Anyone who can buy him grocery while other means are made would be highly appreciated. The old man is starving and the thieves through such cruelty have worsened the situation," said Vilakati.

He said anyone willing to assist the old man with food or through provision of decent shelter could contact him (Vilakati) at 7632 6941.



VACANCY NOTIFICATION:

VACANCY NUMBER: AFRO/16/FT518
TITLE: Driver
GRADE: GS.02
CONTRACT TYPE: Fixed Term

ORGANISATION UNIT: CSU
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday 26 August 2016
DUTY STATION: Mbabane
POSITION NUMBER: 134406

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PASTOR DONATES E10 000 TOWARDS BRIDGE PROJECT

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlango

LEADER of God's Glory Ministry Pastor Victor Macdonald, has donated a sum of over E10 000 for the buying of cement bags for the construction of a bridge at Etjendlovu.

This is an area under Sandleni Constituency. The Mbabane-based ministry bought 100 bags of cement last Friday and presented them to Bucopho Nkola Myeni, who had asked for a sponsorship through this newspaper. The pastor further presented a sum of E1 000 to a young boy confined to a wheelchair who attends school at Etjendlovu Primary, where he is doing Grade Four.

According to Myeni, Pastor Macdonald showed kindness and what he did would see him receiving infinite blessings from God.

"On Friday, the man of

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God personally presented the bags," said Myeni.

He had thought was going to be a small occasion but it ended up big as the pastor decided to further present a sum of E1 000 to the boy living with disability.

"The boy, Mfanawenkhozi Sibandze, who is in Grade Four, was over the moon with joy when the pastor presented him with a sum of E1 000 on the same day.

The pastor did not end there as he also indicated he would be taking care of some of the boy's needs.

As if that was not enough, he also showed interest in assisting the mother of the boy in starting an income generating project.

The mother, Lokusa Sibandze, who is a widow, will decide what project she has to embark on to be

sponsored by Pastor Macdonald," said Myeni.

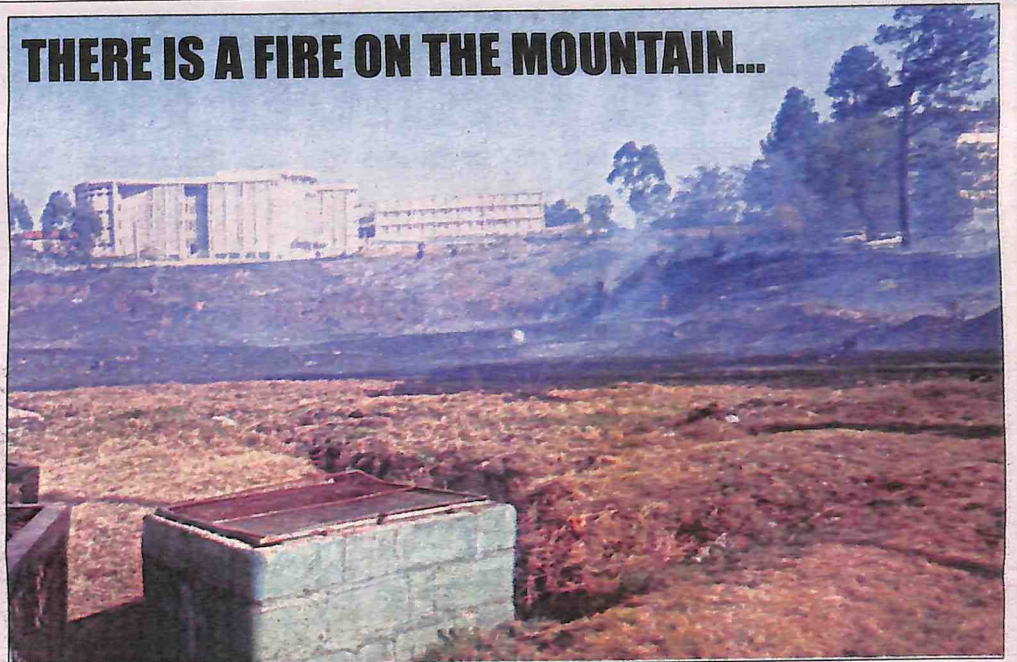
Myeni said he wished the bridge project takes off without any delay. He then thanked Pastor Macdonald, saying the country needs more people like him. He said the pastor has set a good

example for other church leaders to be involved in developing communities. "May he, together with his family and church, be blessed," said Myeni.

He said the pastor stated that his wish was to see the project starting without any further delay. "Pastor Macdonald stated that he was looking forward to see the construction starting soon even before schools open for the third term calendar.

He actually said his wish was to have the project completed before the rainy season starts," said Myeni.

THERE IS A FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN...



BURNING UP: Fire fighting personnel putting out fire at the ministry of agriculture offices in Mbabane on Monday after a piece of land behind Engen Filling Station caught fire. (Pic: Mbono Mdluli)

Minor (8) knocked down by car

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court

A 32-year-old man from Mbabane was fined for knocking down an eight-year-old minor.

Khumbulani Zubuko was fined E600 for negligent driving, resulting from his Chevrolet sedan knocking down the child.

The incident happened in the morning of July 11, along the MR6 public road towards Ngonini.

Zubuko informed the court he was trying to overtake a car in front of him when he came across the minor who was crossing the road.

He then reduced his speed hoping the car he was trying to overtake would pass, affording him some leeway



PRESIDING: Magistrate Simangele Mbatha.

to return to his lane, unfortunately, its driver also slowed down, thus he had nowhere to escape.

"I then signalled to the minor through the hoot hoping he would run across the road faster but he got scared and ran straight into my car as I was desperately applying the brakes," he said.

Zubuko informed the court that he rushed the minor to hospital and phoned his family to come to the hospital.

"I have been at the minor's bedside since the accident occurred. I am extremely sorry for the accident but have supported the minor's family throughout."

Magistrate Simangele Mbatha then sentenced Zubuko to six months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay the E600 fine.

She said Zubuko showed remorse and handled the situation like a responsible adult by taking care of the minor after the accident.



National Emergency Response Council On HIV/AIDS

Vacancy

Position : Regional Monitoring & Evaluation Officers (2) Shiselweni & Lubombo
Division : Response Leadership and Partnership Management
Reports to : SHAPMoS Focal Person

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Alignment of Implementing Partners M & E systems to SHAPMoS System

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2. Conduct training for IPs on M & E and SHAPMoS
3. Identify mentoring needs and conduct mentorships
4. Conduct data quality collection audits
5. Assess data sources for IPs

Data Collection

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2. Arrange data collection resources and equipment e.g. vehicles, out of office allowance
3. Capture raw data into the on line SHAPMoS and verify quality of the data
4. Conduct data analysis and trend analysis
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1. Participate in production of SADC report, GARPR in place, HIV Estimates, NASA
2. Participate in TWG research exercises
3. Coordinate activities for research, analysis and report writing.
4. Avail national service coverage reports to Regional dissemination forums

Reporting

1. Produce quarterly and annual M & E reports
2. Participate in the compiling of SADC report, GARPR in place, HIV Estimates, NASA
3. Devise and implement strategies to improve the reporting of IPs
4. Plan and facilitate the dissemination of information products to IPs

Key Competencies

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NEWS EXTRA MY DEAD ELSIE HAUNTS ME

TSHWANE - Elsie asks Lucas to bring cigarettes and umqombothi to her grave and he does it because he loves her.

But he can't help with her greatest wish. His Elsie wants to go home and he needs her family to fetch her spirit.

When Lucas Masingi met Elsie Swanepoel in 1984, it was love at first sight and in all those years, they were never apart. But now Elsie is dead, and she visits Lucas every night. Speaking in Afrikaans, she tells him she wants him to take her home.

Daily Sun



FEATURES & OPINION

REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...



MACFORD WELCOME SIBANDZE
(DIRECT DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM)

THE RICH SHALL INHERIT

I am fresh, though emotionally drained, from attending a so called wedding of the decade, whatever that means. Well, this is not news per se its just a story of course, rich in news worthiness, because it was a wedding between the age axis.....girl, 25, slender and tall, weighing 57kg and the hogbeast is 72, fat and worn out, weighing 210kg.

Again, its not yet front page material unless of course we mention that the girl is a former beauty queen.....whatever, that means...a former Miss What! What!- some four or five years ago. Worth mentioning is that the pot bellied bushpig is filthy rich...whatever that means.....maybe that's what makes our story headline? Maybe! Just maybe!

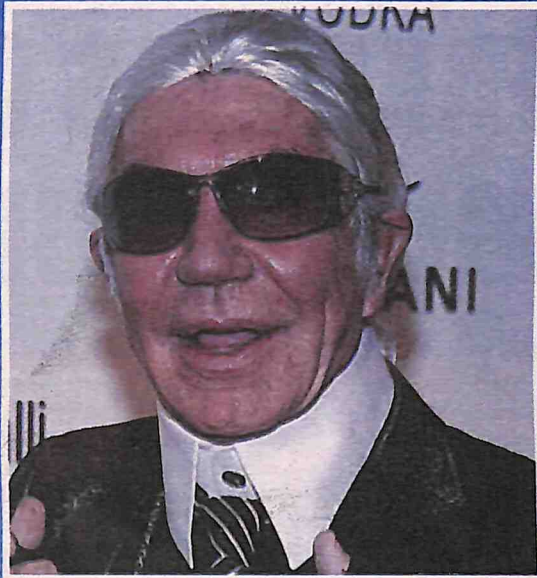
But what makes it more interesting and fascinating, is the girl's interview, four years ago, as she stood tall, like a fine pencil on the podium of glory.

Boyfriend

When asked of her ideal boyfriend and consequently, husband, without giving it much thought or even a scratch on her Brazilian or Peruvian hair, with a burst and crack, "Tall, dark, muscular, toned, with dimples. He must also know the latest fashion trends such as Roberto Cavalli and Alexander Mqueen."

Off went the bullet from her red hot lips. Lo and Behold, four years later, it must have been months later, girly-girly, is safely (or unsafely) in the loving or unloving feeble arms of an old tired tortoise-looking woofer! A cynical contradiction of what the girl said four years ago. Perhaps, the slumbuster showed her his pictures of 50 years ago when he was a hot hunk. And it must have been in pre-historic primeval time!

Perhaps, more than all of us, girly-girly has a deep seated industry knowledge about the magnetic theory of attraction: That unlike terms attract and like terms repel, so she invites no deliberate repulsion on her young life.



STYLISH: Roberto Cavalli and Alexander Mqueen.

Though I stand to be corrected, to me, the fusion of dead cells and B cells is, by all stretch of imagination, a worse form of fusion. It is just an extreme case of repulsion! Maybe, I'm far less informed on issues, as I normally is, maybe this is the best form of economic fusion because able toned bodies can't afford a Peruvian hair, Victoria Secrets, Q7, X6 and a holiday in Miami, Happy Valley and Victoria Falls! In fact, at worse they can't even afford a Red Bull, Lunch Bar, Cream droughtnut, Black Forest or a trip to Movie Zone. Even if they do, they cannot fill the void of girly-girly's huge appetite!

It is becoming as clear as sunrise that girls say this to mean that....hooray! From today and going forward, give beauty queens (whatever that means) a benefit of the doubt!

One thing for sure, don't take anything serious from a beauty queen (whatever that means) especially interviews about their personal lives! Though they cannot be worse than politicians, they are both united by trust deficit and divided by the dimension of the lip service. Kindly leave learned friends (whatever that

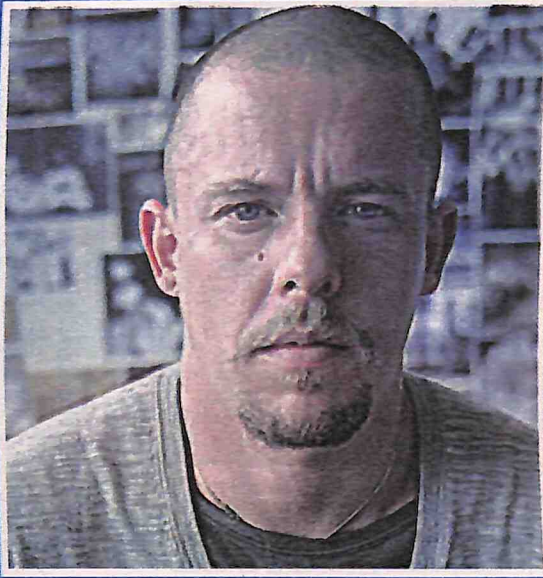
means) and men of the cloth (whatever that means) alone please!

So to all ugly, old, feeble men, the devil is a liar! While your physical appearances are a turn off, by the standard of beauty queens, in the public media space though, greater is he who smiles to the bank. While life looks like a multi choice, the pressures of being a beauty queen (whatever that means) the choices have been made for some of you!

Choice

It's a choice between a 'Six Pack' or '6 Merces'-Mercedes Benz! Again, your guess is as good as mine which direction the pendulum will swing to!

Of course in the direction of 'in contact' and the 'rich' shall inherit! So relax, waspish men, you are the conquerors! Yes you win PART 1 of the story! In other words, you lead because the match has just been played for 30 minutes, wait until the final whistle is blown! In my young and old life I have seen better days. I have seen beautiful things in ugly places and ugly things in beautiful places. I have seen people posing as saints during the day and posing as witches by the night, all in the name of the Father.



I have seen people talking about God during the day and talking to gods during the night. I have learnt not to judge so that I am not judged too. In this life what we say and what we do lies parallel like the ancient gods of Athens! Thus I understand and sympathise with girly-girly's web of lies and I understand, very well...very very well, why she is trapped in the spider web of materialism!

Of great interest is who really inherits between the '6 Pack Hero' and the 'Merc Hero.'

The ugly truth is they both do. The other, '6 Pack Hero', inherits the heart, soul and even the body and the other, 'Merc Hero' inherits the trophy! And a cold blooded body! Because he who possesses the body and not the heart possesses nothing! I am not Dr. Eve, who has a phd in Sexiology (whatever that means) so I will be thinly articulated on the subject!

At least I know one thing for sure-the vulnerability of all relations built on the quicksand of a poisonous web of lust! I know there has to be betrayal and that someone has to pay the price of deceit with his life in every drunken love! Its only a matter of seconds

before tragedy strikes viciously without a warning.

And I know girly-girly still wants to go shopping, dining, wining, surfing, running, kissing and being lovey-dovey, etc, in Paris, Bremersdorp at the Gables or Milan, in matching Stella McCartney Jeans, Donatella Versace T-shirt, Sgonia Republic Sunshades, hand in hand, with a good looking, tall, dark, muscled, toned, dimpled hubby and this is the luxury her knee-rigged old fashioned cougar cannot afford-understandably though-the knees have run their mile (Ebenèzzèr)and can only squeeze themselves thus far! Remember these are not sharp and fit Wayne Van Niekerk's knees!

Founder

They are for Hugh Hefner (90) Playboy Magazine founder.

So without an invitation card, loneliness will visit her just like it visited Eve in Eden. And the serpent will trick her, just like it tricked Eve in Eden! Then she will realise that though she is surrounded by plenty: cars, jewelery, lingerie, clothes, moolah, houses, etc, she is lonely! Oh my God and this is a different Eve! Not an apple teaser and banana eater but a man-eater! Cain won't kill Abel this time but a man's life hangs in the balance! If he is lucky it will end in divorce and if he is less lucky he will soon be a beautiful corpse and have a beautiful coffin!

A prophecy of old shall come to pass: that in the world of fools, there is no foolish fool than an old fool! The gaffer thought he was living in heaven yet he was living in hell! All he worked for lies in tatters! And sadly.....just sadly, the girl shall inherit! (Part 2-girl wins-end of the match) And when the cat is away (permanently this time) the mouse will play 'BLACK MA-PA-TI-LE' and no one will say, 'NO NO.' Bravo to the offspring of Eve, they know that the best way to 'get out' is to 'get in!'

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0079 - Mount Vesuvius erupted killing approximately 20 000 people. The cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum were buried in volcanic ash.

0410 - The Visigoths overran Rome. This event symbolised the fall of the Western Roman Empire.

1456 - The printing of the Gutenberg Bible was completed.

1572 - The Catholics began their slaughter of the French Protestants in Paris. The killings claimed about 70 000 people.

1814 - Washington, DC, was invaded by British forces that set fire to the White House and Capitol.

1853 - The first convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held.

1869 - A patent for the waffle iron was received by Cornelius Swarthout.

1891 - Thomas Edison applied patents for the kinetoscope and kinetograph (U.S. Pats. 493,426 and 589 168).

1912 - A four-pound limit was set for parcels sent through the U.S. Post Office mail system.

1932 - Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the U.S. non-stop. The trip from Los Angeles, CA to Newark, NJ, took about 19 hours.

1949 - The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) went into effect. The agreement was that an attack against one of the parties would be considered "an attack against them all."

1954 - The Communist Party was virtually outlawed in the U.S. when the Communist Control Act went into effect.

1959 - Three days after Hawaiian statehood, Hiram L. Fong was sworn in as the first Chinese-American U.S. senator while Daniel K. Inouye was sworn in as the first Japanese-American U.S. representative.

1963 - John Pennel pole-vaulted 17 feet and 3/4 inches becoming the first to break the 17-foot barrier.

1968 - France became the 5th thermonuclear power when they exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific.

1975 - Davey Lopes of the Los Angeles Dodgers set a major league baseball record when he stole his 38th consecutive base.

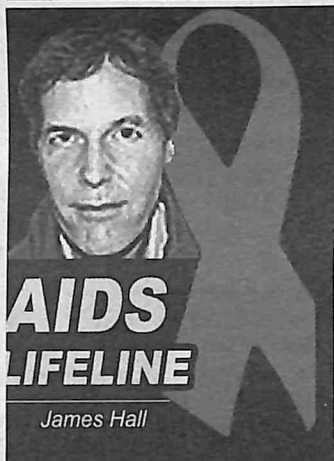
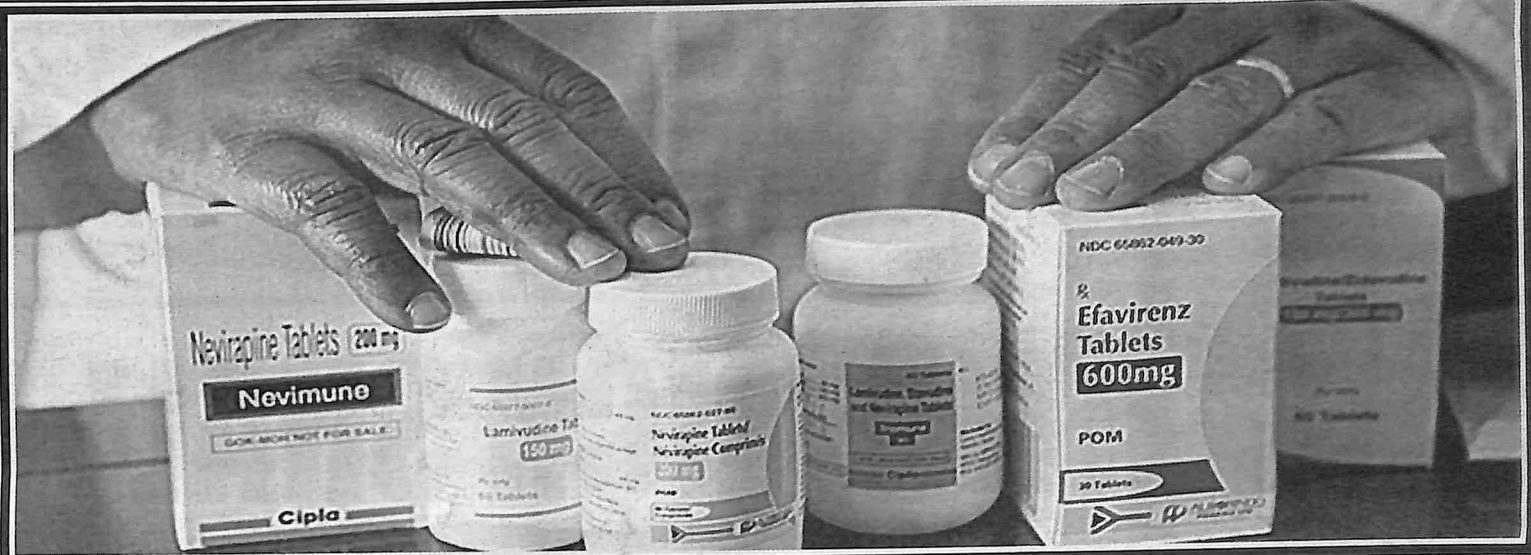
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(ENTREPRENEUR)
R) - August 24,
1945 (71 years
old)



JUSTINE SKYE
(R&B SINGER) -
August 24, 1995
(21 years old)



FAKE AIDS CURES PLAGUE THE DESPERATE

LIKE a skin rash that comes back or a pest that returns, medical charlatans continue to promote 'cures' for AIDS. Of course, these hucksters are more than willing to share their medical miracles with one and all – provided of course that they receive payment.

AIDS LIFELINE again calls on our nations' authorities to consider this: The vultures who prey on the final hopes of desperate people should face prosecution for fraud. It is simply too easy for anyone, particularly it seems for individuals arriving from foreign lands and with unverifiable claims to be experts in traditions medicines, to throw together some herbs, get testimonials from persons who say they feel better after drinking the stuff and claim they have cured AIDS. No scientific evidence is ever presented. In fact, modern medicine is attacked for not producing an AIDS cure yet.

People living with HIV and AIDS can indeed have good days and bad days in terms of their health, and like anyone can feel a physical boost from drinking a vitamin-laced beverage or a Red Bull. This does not mean they are cured of HIV.

Sadly, truly desperate people are the ones who turn to such tonics. This is not medicine but faith healing in which the faith of a person does the healing. Positive attitude is not enough to stop a virus, unfortunately. All medicines must be approved by the Ministry of Health to ensure their effectiveness and safety. There is no conspiracy to keep AIDS cures away from patients, but there is a conspiracy to use fake AIDS cures as a way to rob ill people of money they truly need to finance legitimate health care and proper nutrition.

Problems

One of the key problems that result from fakery is that false AIDS cures take people's lives. Those patients who purchase these 'cures' do so out of faith and ignorance, and thus become heavily invested in their success. Indeed, many of the people who take these fake medicines become so psychologically enslaved to the belief in their effectiveness that they begin to feel better.

Every illness waxes and wanes like the cycles of the moon. Even with a normal flu there are times when the patient feels better, before again feeling worse. Those moments when the symptoms of flu are relaxed do not represent an end to the illness.

Similarly, the stages of HIV are not continuous, but occur in a halting manner. The first onslaught of HIV produces worrisome and painful symptoms in the patient. These pass, however, to the relief of the sufferer. However, this does not mean the patient is free of HIV. Once in a person's system, the virus cannot be dislodged although it can be contained through the use of anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs) taken as part of antiretroviral therapy (ART). Some people who invest in fake AIDS medicines take the concoctions at a time when their HIV symptoms are declining. They feel better, although this state of relief has nothing to do with an end to HIV. It certainly has nothing to do with the medical quackery they have subjected themselves to. Nevertheless, it is from these same people from whom we hear glowing testimonies about the effectiveness of a nonconventional AIDS 'cure.' The patients proclaim they have been cured, and the seller of the concoctions readily use these testimonies as proof that they have achieved what the world's medical sciences have thus far failed to accomplish. They say they have conquered HIV and ended AIDS. They must share this miracle with one and all, provided that one and all come up with sufficient cash to

pay for the stuff.

As for the person who makes the claim that what they are paying for cures them, sadly they are doubly troubled. Firstly, their symptoms return, only worse because they have not been undergoing legitimate HIV therapy. Where ARVs would have helped them if consumed in a timely manner, this was not done and the course of the disease would have advanced in the person.

Success

This advance might possibly be fatal. The true test for any testimony that declares success for an unconventional medicine is whether the patient's 'cure' can be scientifically validated. For HIV it is simple. The person need only take a blood test to determine the amount of HIV virus in his or her body.

People who take fake medicines will not turn to science for two reasons. The first is they have lost faith in science because after 30 years there is no AIDS cure. Secondly, they feel loyal to their fake medicine, because the effectiveness of that medicine is a matter of faith to them. It would seem a betrayal to them to then ask science to validate what they believe to be true.

Unfortunately for them, the only betrayal that has occurred has been against their personal health and the safety and security of their loved ones.

How companies learn what children secretly want

By Faith Boninger, University of Colorado and Alex Molnar, University of Colorado

If you have children, you are likely to worry about their safety – you show them safe places in your neighborhood and you teach them to watch out for lurking dangers.

But you may not be aware of some online dangers to which they are exposed through their schools.

There is a good chance that people and organisations you don't know are collecting information about them while they are doing their schoolwork. And they may be

using this information for purposes that you know nothing about.

In the US and around the world, millions of digital data points are collected daily from children by private companies that provide educational technologies to teachers and schools.

Companies

Once data are collected, there is little in law or policy that prevents companies from using the information for almost any purpose they wish. Our research explores how corporate entities use their involvement with schools to gather and use data about students. We find that often these companies use the data they collect to market products,

such as junk food, to children.

Here's how student data are being collected:

Almost all US, middle and high school students use mobile devices. A third of such devices are issued by their schools. Even when using their own devices for their schoolwork, students are being encouraged to use applications and software, such as those with which they can create multimedia presentations, do research, learn to type or communicate with each other and with their teachers.

When children work on their assignments, unknown to them, the software and sites they use are busy collecting data. *The Conversation.*



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IF you saw me in the street, you might recognise me, but I guess you wouldn't know where from.

I'm the person who served up your Happy Meal in McDonald's. A few years later, whenever I talk to customers like you, I smile as big as I can, and I say that I hope you have a nice day. I mean it too. But I figure I am writing this to tell you something I wouldn't tell you over the counter.

I want to tell you what life is like for people like me right now – because I am not having a nice day, and if I'm honest, I haven't been for a really long time now.

When I first became a waitress at the age of 17 in a pizzeria on Long Island, I loved it – I loved serving, I loved being with people, I loved food. I earned the minimum wage then. Now, twenty years later, I still live on the minimum wage.

Homeless

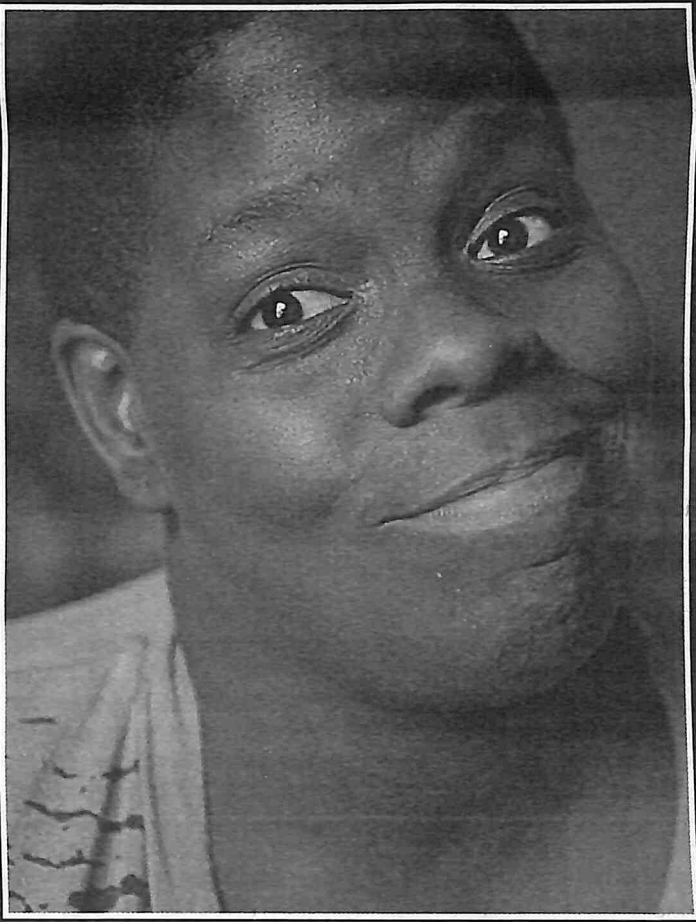
Today, that's \$5 an hour. That makes \$1200 a month. I want to tell you what the bills are to keep myself and my three kids from becoming homeless – because that's what I think about all the time, including when I bring you your food, no matter how big my smile might seem.

My rent is \$1200 a month. My babysitting (so I can go to work) is \$200 a month. Our food is \$400 a month. The lights and water are \$150. The phone is \$60. The laundry is \$60. The transportation is \$130.

Can you add that up? I have never been able to. It's hard to love your job when it doesn't let you live. I am in debt all the time.

The last few places I've worked, tips on top of the \$5 subminimum wage I get paid, have pushed me over into being able to survive, most months – but not all. I sometimes have the electricity cut off. The lights go dead; everything in the refrigerator goes bad. I have never had a vacation – not since I started this work at 17. I never have any time off – not for twenty years. I

...want to hear my story? – Nakima Jones



went into labour with my son on a shift at Red Lobster, because I couldn't afford to take any time off. I was back at work almost as soon as he was born. My mom – who was a dental assistant – has to buy us sneakers or clothes when ours are no use any more. If it wasn't for her... I don't want to think about what have happened if it wasn't for her.

I always know

I am one accident, one slip-up, from it all falling apart.

And at work, a lot of the time,

I am treated

like dirt. The

management

keeps you insecure – any mis-

take and they

tell you that you

could be out of a

job at any sec-

ond. Oftentimes

I would be pres-

sured to stay

after the end of

my shift and

keep working,

even though I

had to get my

kids from

school. I have seen co-workers

just fall apart – not be able to

make ends meet, and end up

homeless. People are afraid to

speak out, because you can be

fired and lose the last life-line

you have.

But these days, as I serve your

food, I am also thinking about

something else – something better. A few years ago, I was pretty down. I know you have to work hard in life to get what you want, and I have always worked hard. My kids learned to never ask for much, because I got nothing. I was constantly upset, constantly stressed – when I've only ever done the right thing and work as hard as I can.

I'm the person who served up your Happy Meal in McDonald's. A few years later, whenever I talk to customers like you, I smile as big as I can, and I say that I hope you have a nice day. I mean it too. But I figure I am writing this to tell you something I wouldn't tell you over the counter.

live in Harlem – who were organising to fight for the right to fair pay, paid sick leave, and for people who work in my kind of jobs to have other basic protections. You shouldn't have to go to work if you are ill, they explained – it's bad for you and bad for the customers. We orga-

nized and fought. It's not easy, when you work as hard as I do, to find that time and energy. But we did it – and we won. In New York State, we have paid sick leave now. You'll never see me sniveling over your lobster ever again.

Now we are fighting for something even more important – one fair wage. We're not asking for gold.

We're not asking for diamonds. We're asking to get paid enough to support our families. The US is the only country that forces workers to live off tips. If you get tips at work, New York's restaurants can pay you just \$5 an hour.

And New York's full minimum wage is just \$8, far lower than the rates in other countries.

For me, a fair minimum wage means I'll be able to buy clothes for my kids. It means I won't be constantly terrified of being cut off from power. It means I can depend on a regular paycheck each week, and not have to hustle shift-to-shift for tips, putting up with advances from customers that think their tips gives them the right to hit on me, and get away with groping and eyeballing me. One Fair Wage means I will get paid fairly for a job well-done.

Folks

Maybe you've seen folks like me, we've been protesting at headquarters of some of the biggest restaurant brands in the world, we've been outside fast food restaurants all over the US. We're handing out leaflets, asking for your support. Nobody who works this hard should be this poor. Nobody who is struggling this much should feel this lost.

The fight for fair wages is spreading all over country – and if I win, you win. I see in Manhattan where all the money has been flowing – I see the fancy towers and the people going into them.

I think some of that money – just a little – should start flowing back towards people like me and most likely you, ordinary Americans doing our best and working hard.

I believe we are going to win – and I can't think about the alternative now, because I got to tell you, I can't face another thirty years of living the way I have for the last twenty. I can't face the lights going out one more time. I am trying to turn on a light. I got a lot of people standing with me. Please – join us.

As told to the One Billion Rising team.

Wit and Wisdom

● We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.

- George Bernard Shaw

● For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone.

- Audrey Hepburn

● The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.

- Socrates

● The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

- Lao Tzu

● Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful.

- John Wooden

● If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

- Michael Jordan

● Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching.

- Satchel Paige

● It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.

- Henry David Thoreau

● If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there.

- Lewis Carroll

● Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

● Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.

- Jim Rohn

● It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen.

- John Wooden

● Whatever you do in life, surround yourself with smart people who'll argue with you.

- John Wooden

● A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.

- Nelson Mandela

● By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.

- Confucius

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.4%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



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CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.4490	13.4990
British Pound/SZL	17.7345	17.8005
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.4176	7.4429
Swiss France/SZL	14.0123	14.0512
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2938	1.3067
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.2831	10.3240
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.4256	10.4627
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.2643	5.3500
Euro/SZL	15.2565	15.3133
Gold	1,340.3101	
Oil	47.8400	

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Moving Forward

ABOUT E918BN FOR PIDA PLAN

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

THE Programme Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Priority Action Plan (PAP) first phase milestone is implementation of a priority investment plan worth E918 billion (about \$68bn) by 2020.

The second milestone to 2040 is investment in infrastructure development estimated over US\$300bn.

Representative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency and the African Union Commission, Abdou Rahman Mboob said achieving the 2020 milestones therefore, requires acceleration on the PIDA implementation.

Mboob was speaking during the private sector consultation or pre-market workshop which marked the first day of the Southern African Development Community industrialisation week at Esibayeni Lodge, Matsapha.

The workshop which comprised of regional financiers looked at rail, information communications technology, energy, port, and road projects.

He said the role of infrastructure development, articulated in PIDA



LISTENING: Some of the participants who attended the first day of the Southern African Development Community Industrialisation Week at Esibayeni Lodge, Matsapha yesterday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

was underscored by the African Union Agenda 2063, as means to facilitate regional integration, industrialisation and intra-regional trade including the movement of people, goods and services.

The PIDA programme and its priority action plan was adopted by African leaders in January 2012.

"In this regard and following the success of the Dakar Financing Summit of 2014 the NEPAD Agency has undertaken a number of measures aimed at fast-tracking PIDA implementation," he said.

"These include the establishment of the PIDA Service Delivery Mechanism (SDM) for early-stage project preparation, the launch of the Continental Business Network

(CBN) for strategic high-level engagement with the private sector and the roundtable of Project Preparation Funds (PPFs) to consolidate the PPFs around trans-boundary continental projects," he added.

He said in recognition of the link between infrastructure and trade, in May at the World Economic Forum for Africa in Kigali, NEPAD launched a new initiative called 'MoveAfrica' which would address soft issues related to cross-border transport and logistics challenges on the continent.

Mboob said MoveAfrica would focus on driving down costs and increasing efficiency for logistics companies and manufacturers in varied industries operating in Africa.

He said recently, at the African Development Bank annual meeting, NEPAD convened a meeting of the Continental Business Network, to discuss the issue of de-risking of transboundary infrastructure projects to enable participation and investment from the private sector.

Through the PIDA Capacity Building project (PIDA CAP)

funded by the African Development Bank, NEPAD is assisting Regional Economic Communities (REC) with implementation of their PIDA projects through capacity strengthening and targeted interventions on specific projects.

"We are pleased to report that infrastructure experts have now been deployed in all the RECs and at the NEPAD Agency and work-plans have been developed together with the RECs to advance implementation of selected projects."

He said the 2016 work-plan for the PIDA CAP would continue to support the Central Corridor and would continue to replicate the acceleration methodology on the SADC Beira and North South Corridors.

"This event, we attend today is thus an important step in the replication process," he said referring to the consultation workshop.

However, he said while fast-tracking the implementation was critical, it was equally important to note that infrastructure development requires sustained efforts from all stakeholders to maintain the momentum of implementation, while sustaining the momentum required political will, necessary policy, legal and regulatory environment to facilitate private sector participation and investments.

He said it was also important to note that infrastructure could play a huge role in job creation.

Hence, he said infrastructure development needs to be focused on inclusive approaches that take into account the entrepreneurship and employment needs of young people, empowering them to be active players in the infrastructure sector.

...FDI TOPPED FOREIGN AID BY E94.5 BILLION IN 2011 ALONE

OVER the past decade Foreign Direct Investment in Africa topped foreign aid according to the New Partnership for Africa's Development Chief Executive Officer Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki.

Mayaki's words were referred to by NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency and the African Union Commission, Abdou Rahman Mboob during his remarks during the first day of the SADC Industrialisation week.

He said unlike food hand-outs or free latrines, this kind of investment built factories, financed banks, and opened mines and oil fields, creating tens of thousands of jobs and transferring invaluable knowledge to 'countries that need it most.'

"That's good news as new ways of doing business are vital to sustaining economic growth on the continent."

He said there were widespread feelings that multinationals were the rapacious, profit-obsessed spawns of globalisation and free markets, running amok across the developing world.

"Some surely are. But think about how hard the United States competes to attract a Toyota factory. Or how happy Britain was when the Indian firm Tata bailed out its ailing steel industry."

"If multinationals can make that kind of difference in job creation and productivity in the rich world, consider the even greater role they can play in poorer countries," he said.

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Five SADC member states confirm SITF participation

Stories by Linda Dlamini

THE Swaziland Investment Promotion Agency has encouraged the private sector to attend this year's Swaziland International Trade Fair as it will be informative.

Speaking during a breakfast meeting hosted by the Swaziland Investment Promotion Agency (SIPA) at Mountain Inn, Chief Executive Officer Phumelele Dlamini, said the fair was a great opportunity for micro small and medium enterprises (MSME) to get to know where lies the business opportunities in the country.

She said this year, there would be over 200 exhibitors showcasing their goods and services to the public.

Dlamini said as this year's trade fair coincided with the SADC Summit, the focus would be on how private sector could increase trade within the region.

"This year the issue of regional integration and the opportunities it holds for the private sector will be unpacked and discussed," she said.

Dlamini said already five SADC member states have confirmed participation in this year's trade fair with more expected.

She emphasised that the trade fair was not just for the private sector, but also other sectors of the economy should attend as they stand to benefit from the exhibitions and the seminars to be presented.

"The fair is an excellent platform

...Over 200 corporate category companies have secured space



CONFIRMED: Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority Chief Executive Officer, Phumelele Dlamini.

for the dissemination of information to the public at large on all issues related to business activities in the country," she said.

There would also be discussions on issues related to public policy, "therefore I urge the public to come and make submissions on the public policies that shape the business landscape of the country."

She said over 200 corporate category companies including small and medium enterprises (SMEs) showed interest in exhibiting by applying and

registering.

Dlamini said the companies had shown their commitment to be a part of the fair by paying the required 50 percent deposit per stall.

"Attending the fair will be government departments responsible for the issuing of permits and licenses.

"Thus SME that are interested in knowing more about the relevant permits and licenses to run their respective business, should make time to attend so they can get the correct information," she said.

Regional integration, industrial development theme for SITF seminars

THIS year's Swaziland International Trade Fair seminars will have a theme based on regional integration and industrial development.

Speaking during a breakfast meeting hosted by SIPA at Mountain Inn yesterday, Domestic Trade and Promotions Manager Sihle Nkabinde said they decided to focus on issues that touched on increasing regional integration in general and SADC.

Nkabinde said the morning seminars would be the main ones for the day and the afternoon sessions would be auxiliary presentations.

Nkabinde urged those who would be attending to keep time as the registration would begin at 8.30 am for the morning session and 1.30pm for the afternoon session with the presentations starting 30 minutes afterwards.

"All the presentations will be officially opened by principal secretaries of the various government ministries," he said.

Nkabinde said on August 30, the morning seminar would have the topic 'Bridging the gap between local retailers and local producers, meeting demand and standards.'

This session will be officially opened by Ministry of Agriculture Principal Secretary Bongani Masuku. It will be moderated by Swaziland

Television Authority reporter John Pires.

The panellists for this discussion will be Jenni Hammond from Pick n'Pay, Claudio Castellanous from Black Mamba, Bruce Griffiths from Bulembu Ministries and lastly Siphphiso Dlamini from NAMBoard.

Nkabinde said the afternoon session would have the topic; 'products readily available for export.'

Panellist

"This session's panellist will be Dale Allen from Swazi Wire, Tony Marshak from Swazi Candles and last to present will be Julie Nixon from Swift," he said.

Nkabinde said the following day would see the seminars official opened by Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Principal Secretary Jinnoh Nkabule.

The first speaker would be Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela.

He will be followed by Bonsiwe Ntando from the Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE&CC), and then Director of the International Trade Department Newman Ntsangase.

The afternoon session would have the topic 'Trade Opportunities' and

will feature a presentation by the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC), Swaziland Railway Chief Executive Officer Stephenson Ngubane and a representative from the Central Bank of Swaziland will make presentations.

Session

September 1, the morning session will have the topic 'Unearthing business potential in cultural events. Panellists for this discussion include representatives from the Swaziland Tourism Authority, Mr. Cheap Fabrics, Lutsango LwakaNgwane and Ligomba LemaSwati.

The afternoon session would have the topic 'Building Sustainable Development through Entrepreneurship.' Panellists for this discussion include representatives from the Micro Finance Unit, UNISWA Foundation, the Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO) and MTN Swaziland.

"The final day, September 2, will have the topic 'Opportunities of intra-trade in the service industry in SADC.'

Panellists for this discussion include representatives from the Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority (SWA-CAA), the Central Bank of Swaziland, and the Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation," he said.

Commercial vehicle sales up 60%

COMMERCIAL vehicles sales are up by 60 percent when they are compared to last figures.

This is the observation of Swazi Auto Truck Centre Sales Manager Ebrahim Baker.

"The commercial vehicles in this case include double cabs and sprinters that are often used in the public transportation business and large trucks.

"It is not surprising that this side of our business is performing well as trucks and other commercial vehicles are very important to any economy as they ferry imports and exports of the country," he said.

Baker said on the downside, some vehicles which were not commercial were not selling well, "some products I can say are down almost 30 percent."

"This would suggest that the market for new cars stands to suf-

fer under the current economic climate," he added.

The sales manager said the launch of the much anticipated new Mitsubishi Triton would slightly improve sales in the non-commercial side of the business.

"Given the number of people who have expressed interest in the car, it would probably have sold by now and therefore boosted sales," he said.

Baker said the Triton would likely be launched early next year.

"We would have launched it in the country earlier, however, given the weakness of the lilangeni against major currencies in the last year, it would have been expensive for consumers," he said.

Swazi Auto Truck Centre are dealers in Mitsubishi, Fuso and Mercedes based in Matsapha.

9 TANZANIA COMPANIES COMING TO TRADE FAIR

THE Tanzania Trade Development Authority has confirmed that nine companies from that country will participate in the Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) starting from Friday to September 5.

According to reports Tanzanian publication, the Daily-News, a statement issued in Dar es Salaam by Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TANTRADE), Principal Public Affairs and Communication, Theresa Chilambo, the participation seeks to promote Tanzanian goods in foreign markets.

"The participation will help promote our goods and at the same time allow Tanzanian companies to look for new markets in Swaziland and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) regional bloc," Chilambo told the newspaper.

The publication reported that the respective companies to be attending include Uronu Leather Craft which produces leather products, BIMAFARO Traders which produces food spices as well as Iringa Baskets, Nance Tailoring Mart, Philomena Company and Hellenic Fashion Group.

"Also on the list are Kipesile African Culture and Flora's Winner Designer, which will be showcasing artefacts," Daily

News said.

The 48th SITF edition this year is organised by the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) aimed at linking business persons and producers. Apart from exhibitions, there will be training seminars for entrepreneurs on business development skills.

"During the 48th SITF, TanTrade will have an opportunity to market goods and services available in Tanzania in addition to tourist attractions," the Daily News said.

The newspaper quotes Chilambo saying, "It will as well be a chance for the country to promote investment and business opportunities and woo investors in mining, manufacturing, agriculture and services."

SIPA Domestic Trade and Promotions Manager Sihle Nkabinde said this was a great opportunity for local business people to network and perhaps obtain foreign investors for their businesses.

"The fact that these investors travel all the way from their distant country to look for opportunities in this country means they see potential in investing in this country," he said.

The manager added that this was a great opportunity for the country to see the latest technology thus keep abreast with the latest innovations.

SASOL BOOSTS LAKE CHARLES COSTS TO 'WORST-CASE' R148bn

JOHANNESBURG - Sasol [JSE:SOL] raised its cost estimate for the Lake Charles chemical project in the US by almost 25% to \$11bn (R148bn) following a review.

The revision reflects "poorer-than-anticipated subsurface conditions," requiring more ground works, weather delays, and higher construction and labor costs, the Johannesburg-based company said in a statement.

It expects most units at the project in Louisiana to start producing in early 2019, with the remainder completed by the end of that year.

"There is a very good probability of keeping the \$11bn estimate", Sasol joint-CEO Bongani Nqwababa, said by phone. "We obviously have plans to make sure it's lower than that by improving productivity."

The new estimate is a blow to a



company that's seen profit eroded by lower oil prices.

Programmes

In June, then-CEO David Constable, who implemented a series of cost-saving programmes at Sasol, said an increase to \$11bn was a "worst-case scenario."

The company had forecast a cost of \$8.9bn in 2014 when it made a final investment decision.

The chemicals complex, which includes a 1.5 million-tonne-a-year ethane cracker, is more than 50% complete, Sasol said yesterday.

"The funding is in place and it will not change our debt-to-equity gearing targets," Nqwababa said. The increased cost of the Lake Charles project won't affect dividends, which the company intends to pay, he said.

Shares

The shares fell as much as 2.8% to R363 in Johannesburg and traded at R371 as of 10:06 local time.

Constable handed over to new joint CEOs Nqwababa and Stephen Russell Cornell on July 1. He remains an adviser on some of Sasol's largest projects.

Fin24

Pfizer buys US cancer drug company for \$14 billion

NEW YORK - Pfizer Inc, beating out numerous other bidders, said it agreed to buy US cancer drug company Medivation Inc for \$14 billion (R190.11 billion) in cash, adding its blockbuster prostate cancer drug Xtandi to the company's growing oncology roster.

Medivation shares jumped nearly 20 percent to close at \$80.42, just shy of the offer price of \$81.50 per share. Shares of Pfizer, the largest US drugmaker, were down 0.4 percent at \$34.84.

Premium

The offer is a 55-percent premium to Sanofi SA's initial bid to buy Medivation for \$52.50 per share in April, which pushed the San Francisco-based company to put itself up for sale. It repre-

sents a 118-percent increase since Reuters reported on March 30 that Medivation had hired JP Morgan to handle interest from companies in a potential acquisition.

The planned purchase of Medivation, with its \$2.2 billion-a-year Xtandi, is the latest in a number of deals by large drugmakers willing to pay top dollar for cancer drugs that are more effective than standard, older treatments.

Notable

Perhaps the most notable example is AbbVie Inc's \$21 billion purchase last year of Pharmacyclics. The deal gave AbbVie shared ownership with Johnson & Johnson in the blockbuster leukemia drug Imbruvica.

Reuters

Shoprite profit rises 17% amid tough retail conditions

CAPE TOWN - Shoprite's full-year profit rose to 17% due to its focus on giving the lowest prices while also subsidising the prices of basic food-stuffs.

Diluted headline earnings per share rose from R7.69 to R9.00 in the 12 months to end-June, which was higher than the R8.66 average that 13 analyst estimates told Bloomberg.

Trading profit was up 15% to R7.278bn, while turnover increased 14.4% to R130bn. Shoprite was trading 1.5% lower at R198.98 at 08:20 yesterday.

It will pay a dividend of R2.96, up from R2.43, per ordinary share. "This brings the total dividend for the year to 452

cents (2015: 386 cents) per ordinary share," Shoprite [JSE:SHP] said in a statement yesterday. Shoprite CEO Whitey Basson said the growing trust placed in the company by its customers is gratifying, "with the latest AMPS figures showing that 76% of the adult South African population shop at one of our supermarket brands - up from 72% a year ago".

Factors

"There are many factors which contributed to the results we have achieved, but crucial amongst them has been an unwavering focus on ensuring the lowest prices while also subsidising the price of basic food-stuffs wherever possible," he said in a statement. Fin24

ArcelorMittal admits price collusion, to pay R1.5bn fine

JOHANNESBURG - In a statement released by the Competition Commission on Monday, the steel group, ArcelorMittal South Africa Limited (AMSA) admitted to being involved in long steel and scrap metal cartels and agreed to pay a penalty of R1.5-billion.

The company has agreed to limit its earnings over a period of five years. The statement read, "AMSA has committed to a R4.6 capital expenditure over the next five years. The Commission has, in turn, agreed that the settlement will cover all pending cases against AMSA including those still under investigation."

An investigation was initiated by the Competition Commission in 2008 culminating in a raid at the offices of AMSA, Cape Town Iron and Steel Works (Pty) Ltd (Cisco), Highveld Steel and Vanadium Corporation Limited (Highveld), and the South African Iron and Steel Institute. Scaw



South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Scaw), a subsidiary of Anglo American Plc, also applied for and was granted leniency for involvement in collusive practices.

Investigation

"The Commission's investigation found that AMSA, CISCO, Scaw and Cape Gate (Pty) Ltd (Cape Gate), being competitors in the manufacturing of long steel products, engaged in

collusion by fixing prices and discounts, allocating customers and sharing commercially sensitive information through the South African Iron and Steel Institute (SAISI) and the South African Reinforced Concrete Engineers' Association.

Purchase

The Commission referred its findings to the Tribunal for prosecution," the statement read. "The Commission's investigation found that AMSA, Columbus Steel, Cape Gate and Scaw fixed the purchase price of scrap metal. In this regard, the Commission found that these firms collectively negotiated and agreed a standard formula which was used to determine the purchase price of scrap metal as a buyers' cartel. The Commission found that AMSA and Columbus Steel, Cape Gate and Scaw collaborated and acted in tandem with the upstream cartel of scrap merchants." eNCA

OUTA wants to pull Eskom's plug

● "Gross overspending on the Ingula project has become a serious issue,"

JOHANNESBURG - Following claims by Carte Blanche on Sunday of "gross irregularities, overspending, maladministration and possible corruption" at Eskom's Ingula Pumped Storage Scheme hydroelectric power station on the border of Free State and KwaZulu-Natal, the Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (OUTA) is calling for an independent inquiry into the financial management and auditing controls at the utility.

"Gross overspending on the Ingula project has become a serious issue," said Ivan Herselman, OUTA's Legal Affairs Director, in a statement on Monday. "We furthermore believe that had Eskom ensured proper audit controls and manage-

ment of contractor accountability, the overspending and irregularities would not have happened. "We find the regular repetition of excessive runaway costs of large capital expenditure projects at Eskom a gross violation of the Public Finance Management Act and fiduciary duties of the management and board at Eskom.

Serious

"Any serious overexpenditure ... needs to be thoroughly and independently investigated." Last week, the National Energy Regulator of South Africa ruled that Eskom's approved electricity tariff increase would be reviewed. The Outa spokesperson noted that Eskom's track record on capital expenditure projects at Medupi, Kusile and others could be



SERIOUS ISSUE: Eskom CEO Brian Molefe.

described as nothing short of "diabolical". He said OUTA would be accessing "all avenues open to it" to have the matter thoroughly investigated.

Citizen

Lower fuel price a relief to struggling farmers - Economist

JOHANNESBURG - An FNB Business agricultural economist said on Monday that a further decrease in the price of fuel and diesel by 65 cents on average would go a long way to providing relief to farmers who were still struggling financially due to the impact of the drought.

Dawie Maree, head of information and marketing at FNB Business Agriculture, said farmers in South Africa were being severely tested by the drought and would take a couple of years before they could fully recover.

Another fuel price decrease of at least 69 cents per litre was expected at the beginning of September, and Maree said any form of relief was welcome.

Although lower prices will have a different impact on field crop and livestock farmers, depending on

how their operations were set up, there is potential to lower production costs, lessening strain on cash flow.

In a statement, Maree said small-scale farmers in particular, who have suffered most from the drought, would significantly save costs and may expect improved cash flow.

Tillage

Fuel and diesel is commonly used for tillage, harvesting, machinery and transportation, making it a critical component for both small-scale and commercial farmers, as well as the entire agricultural value chain.

"Fuel prices are extremely volatile, as they are influenced by a number of economic factors ranging from global oil prices to currency exchange rate volatility," Maree said. African News Agency

Sugar-tax plan sparks fears over jobs

JOHANNESBURG - Key role-players on Monday remained divided over the proposed introduction of a sugar tax to kick in early next year, with one sector of South African society welcoming the possibility of fighting obesity, and others saying the loss of jobs was not worth it.

Monday was the deadline for submission of views on the implementation of the tax.

Individuals and companies were

invited to have their say to the National Treasury.

Encouraged

While that was happening, some stakeholders encouraged those in opposition to make their feelings known by emailing their objections straight to Treasury economist Mpho Legote.

"Email the Treasury and let it know you say no to sugar tax and job losses," a social media message from the Beverages Association of

South Africa said in reference to the possible loss of 6 000 jobs.

Small business people, including spaza shop-owners, stand to lose business, they said.

In announcing plans to introduce the tax in his Budget speech in February, Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan said it would help citizens fight obesity.

Sugar-sweetened beverages were the target of a 20 percent levy, he said.

According to the Health Department, sugar tax had been tried and tested in many other countries, and had seen results in a noticeable reduction of obesity rates. The tax, the ministry said, could also reduce the effects of non-communicable diseases in South Africa.

Rate

Statistics show that South Africa has the highest obesity rate in the region, with 39 percent of women and 11 percent of men being either obese or overweight.

The country is also among the top 10 global consumers of sweet

drinks. "Every year we wait, more people will become obese. Soft-drink sales are already projected to grow by 2.4 percent a year from 2015 to 2017," a submission by the health ministry on the reduction of sugar-sweetened beverage intake reads.

The government said its main concern was how the cost of inaction could result in an increase of 16 percent in the number of obese people in the country, 20 percent of which would be due to sugar-sweetened beverages.

The Star

RAND, OIL PRICE EATING INTO FUEL COST RELIEF

JOHANNESBURG - While the good news is that South African motorists can still look forward to more fuel price relief at the beginning of September, the price decrease is likely to be somewhat smaller than had been anticipated earlier in the month.

On August 12, the average over-recovery was running at 69 cents a litre for petrol and between 93 and 94 c/l for diesel, according to the Central Energy Fund.

However, the latest data at the time of writing, counting oil price and currency movements up to Monday, showed an over-recovery of just 44 cents a litre for petrol, 69 c/l for low-sulphur diesel and 70 c/l for 500ppm diesel. This would theoretically see the price of 95 Unleaded reduced to R11.91 in Gauteng and R11.43 at the coast, while low-sulphur diesel would now cost R10.27 inland and R9.89 at the coast.

This, of course, would depend on the rand and oil prices remaining stable between now and the end of August.



RELIEF: Fuel price is set to decrease from the beginning of September.

Both have see-sawed to some degree during the month so far. After starting August at R13.79, the rand hit a 10-month high of R13.27 to the US dollar on August 16, but has since retreated.

The local currency hit R13.61 to the dollar on Monday, but by yesterday midday was trading at R13.52.

The oil price has shown a general

upwards trend during the month. Brent crude was trading at just below \$43 a barrel at the beginning of August, but peaked at over \$50 on August 18, before recovering to \$48.82 (currently).

If the current trajectories persist, we could possibly be looking at a decrease of more than 44 cents, however.

IOL

Chicken-farm investors cry foul

PRETORIA - Agri Smart Investments (ASI) founder David Scott Laughland faces a lawsuit running into millions of rands from investors who claim they were duped into investing in chicken farms that did not exist.

For R25 000, investors could choose a bronze package for a 0.5% equity and get a promise of R1 000 monthly payout; for R250 000 and a silver package they were promised a five percent equity share with a R10 000 monthly payout; or for R2.5 million they could look forward to a 50% equity share, with a payout promise of R100 000 every month.

Packages are outlined on a Facebook page with an image of a chicken house. But the doors of Agri Smart's company head office in Garsfontein are locked and while the official branding was still there and furniture could be seen inside, there was no one in the building.

ASI advertised extensively in newspapers - including the Pretoria News - and still has billboards up on major roads around Pretoria and Joburg.

Laughland made headlines last year when he posted a video with business partner Kagiso

Mokoape saying they were renting the house in Pretoria east in which Oscar Pistorius shot his girlfriend, and they planned to hold parties there.

Customer service website Hello Peter has complaints from several investors who claimed they were defrauded of their hard-earned money by ASI. There are people who claim to have lost up to R500 000 after investing in the business.

Laughland said he started the company with a great idea and had a few partners he thought he could trust.

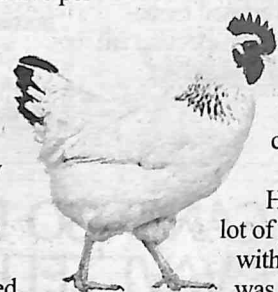
Rate

He needed to employ a lot of people to keep up with the rate the business was growing and because he was not used to everything there may have been people who stole money from the company without him realising it.

That is where he said the business started going wrong.

A former employee, who wanted to remain anonymous, said he invested R25 000 in the business and was expecting to receive R1 000 every month from ASI, but after a few months, the money stopped being deposited into his account.

Pretoria News



Deal puts Microsoft apps on Lenovo phones

NEW YORK - The US technology giant and the Chinese computer titan said they were "deepening their strategic relationship" with a move that could add to the ranks of people using Microsoft programmes as services hosted in the internet cloud.

"The marriage of Microsoft's apps and Lenovo's Android-based devices will enable customers around the world to be more productive, more connected and achieve even more," Microsoft corporate Vice-President Nick Parker said in a statement.

The deal includes cross-licensing that will allow patented Microsoft technology to be used

in Lenovo and Motorola devices, according to the companies.

"Our collaboration with Microsoft will create new opportunities for our customers to take advantage of some of Microsoft's most popular apps," said Lenovo leader of corporate alliances, Christian Eigen.

Microsoft and leading Android smartphone maker, Samsung, announced a deal last year to bring the US company's software to smartphone and tablets made by the South Korean firm.

Microsoft built its fortune on packaged software but has made a priority of hosting applications as services hosted online and accessible from a broad array of internet-linked devices. *AFP*

President Zuma to chair new body overseeing SOEs

JOHANNESBURG - State-owned entities (SOEs) are in for a major overhaul, with President Jacob Zuma set to chair a new overarching body to oversee them.

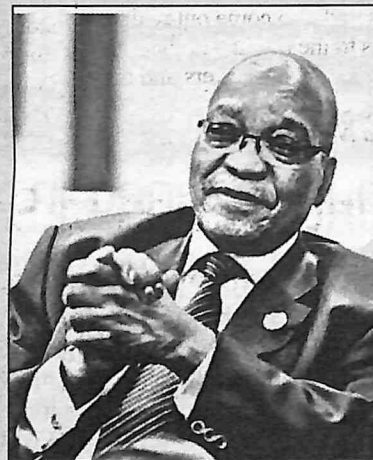
Minister in the Presidency Jeff Radebe told the media at a post-cabinet briefing on Monday they wanted SOEs to ramp up growth in the economy.

Radebe said the structure was similar to the Presidential Infrastructure Co-ordinating Commission (PICC), which is chaired by Zuma.

The PICC oversees all major infrastructure projects in the country and fast-tracks them.

Radebe said Zuma would also oversee this new body on SOEs, to be called the Presidential SOE Co-ordinating Council.

He said the current inter-ministerial committee on SOEs, led by



ELECTED: President Jacob Zuma.

Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, would continue to oversee the 13 SOEs.

He said this was not part of a plan to clip the wings of Ramaphosa, as

he would continue to do his work on the entities.

The decision was taken at the three-day cabinet lekgotla last week.

Chair

"A decision has been made that the president will chair the SOE Co-ordinating Council," said Radebe. "The inter-ministerial committee chaired by the deputy president is the one working on this matter, so there is no vote of no confidence in the deputy president."

He said SOEs played a key role in the economy, and the council would help to identify areas to improve growth.

SOEs were involved in major projects in the country, and the co-ordinating council, under Zuma, would be able to intervene on those requiring urgent attention.

The Star

Focus on SA scene

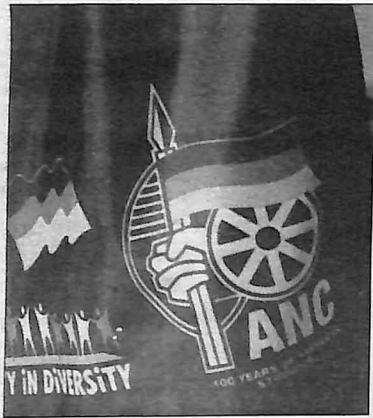
ANC JOBURG COUNCILLOR DIES, VOTING GOES AHEAD

JOHANNESBURG – Officials have confirmed reports that an ANC councillor has died during the first sitting of the Johannesburg City Council, but voting is going ahead for the positions of mayor and chief whip.

"We will just like to inform council that we have had a tragedy in the African National Congress – one of our councillors who was very ill has passed on," said ANC councillor Geoff Makhubo.

At 6.15pm, city officials told eNCA that the governing party member was being treated by paramedics on the scene.

The councillor collapsed just after 5.30pm when the council reconvened to continue with electing an executive member and a chief whip.



Minutes before the incident, both the ANC's Parks Tau and the DA's Herman Mashaba accepted their nominations as mayor.

Voting

But just before the voting could proceed, an ANC councillor stood

up and asked that the sitting adjourn so they could establish the woman's condition.

Newly-elected Speaker then Vasco Da Gama gave them a 10-minute recess.

Minutes after that, Da Gama asked to meet with party leaders and the process was once again delayed.

Once the council reconvened, the ANC asked voting for mayor and chief whip happen at the same time to allow for a faster process.

The ANC told the council that the councillor who died would have wanted the process to continue.

"We want to do it in her honour – she would have wanted to do that. She spent her entire life to secure votes," said Makhubo.

eNCA



CLASH: EFF and ANC supporters clash while leaving the Rustenburg hall after the first council sitting. (News 24)

'THE EFF IS THREATENING ME'

JOHANNESBURG – Botho Community Movement (BCM) founder Ofentse Kombe has accused the EFF in Rustenburg of first offering him a R3m bribe and then threatening him after he sided with the ANC.

"Their members are explicitly threatening me. We decided we are not going to be part of this coalition that has put us under a bus," he told News24 on

Monday. Kombe formed a coalition with the EFF last week, but then changed his mind. He holds the BCM's only seat in the Rustenburg municipality's council. During coalition talks with the EFF, the party allegedly offered him R3m to vote with it, he said. During voting in the first council sitting in Rustenburg on Friday, he voted with the EFF and other opposition parties.

News24

'FAWU CAN'T GO BACK TO COSATU' VAVI TELLS UNION

RUSTENBURG - The Food and Allied Workers Union (FAWU) cannot go back to COSATU, expelled Cosatu general secretary Zwelinzima Vavi said on Monday.

"My honest view, comrades, is that with this detail presented there can be no turning back from where we are. FAWU can't go back to COSATU because there is no COSATU to go back to," he told delegates at FAWU's national congress in Bela Bela in Limpopo. "... We must not lose hope. We must be brave. It is time to forge a new path to rebuilding the power and strength of the working class, in its fight back against poverty and exploitation." "It is time to reach out to all unorganised workers, whether they are permanent or casual, formal or informal. We

need to go back to the basics of organising and servicing, but with new insights and understandings of what solidarity amongst workers means."

Affiliate

FAWU was holding its congress which must decide whether the union stay as an affiliate of COSATU or leave. The congress ends on Friday. COSATU National Spokesperson Sizwe Pamla said the federation hoped the congress would come up with answers to the challenges facing the workers. "We hope this national congress will continue in the union's old tradition of engaging in frank and robust debates and also come out with answers to the myriad of challenges facing the workers and the working class."

Africa News Agency

Mayor Herman Mashaba vows to fight corruption

JOHANNESBURG – The DA's Herman Mashaba has been elected Johannesburg Mayor, while Kevin Wax, also from the DA, is the chief whip.

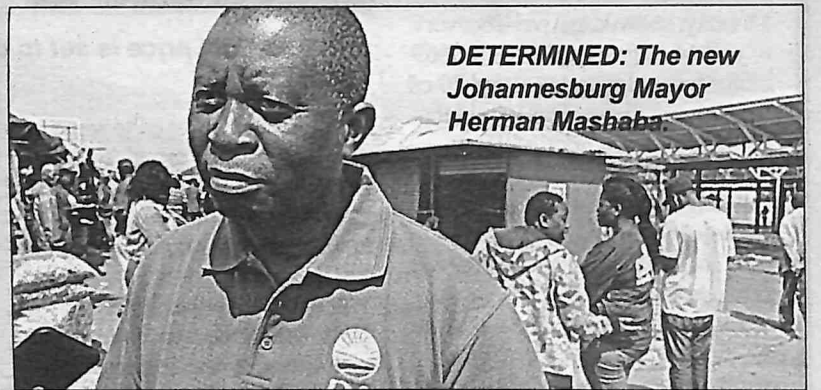
The announcement was made late on Monday night, after a marathon sitting in the city council which was dramatically interrupted by the illness of an ANC councillor who later died.

Nonhlanhla Mthembu collapsed during council.

The new Speaker is Vasco da Gama.

There were 269 votes cast, with no spoil ballots. The 'Black Like Me' founder defeated Parks Tau by 144 votes to 125, after an inaugural session that took place for nearly 11 hours following the August 3 election.

Mashaba, who postponed his inau-



DETERMINED: The new Johannesburg Mayor Herman Mashaba.

gural speech to next month's first sitting of the council, saying he felt inappropriate given the death of ANC Councillor Mthembu.

Promised

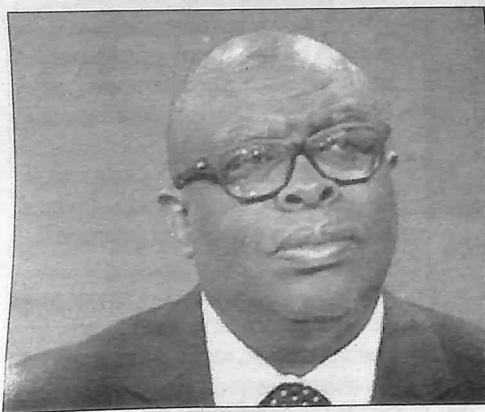
He promised to address the city's "public enemy number one – corruption" and set the tone for a businesslike approach to fixing

Johannesburg's problems.

"We're going to bring change that will create jobs.

We need to address one in three who don't have jobs. Our government needs to create an enabling environment. Small businesses, you will be my biggest friends, said Mashaba. eNCA

Fake Twitter account opened in SABC CEO's name



CONFIRMED: SABC spokesperson, Kaizer Kganyago.

CAPE TOWN – The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) on Friday condemned the actions of an imposter pretending to be the organisation's acting chief executive officer on Twitter.

In the statement, SABC spokesperson, Kaizer Kganyago, said: "The SABC views this matter in a serious light as this was a violation of James Aguma's rights and identity theft, and also affected the organisation."

Kganyago said the individual in

question was deceiving the public by misrepresenting the acting GCEO and promoting views which were not of the organisation. He added that Aguma did not have a Twitter account and any account with his name and photograph was fake and needed to be disregarded.

Aguma and the SABC were to make an application to the relevant law enforcement institutions to discard the existing Twitter account under his name.

African News Agency

Child hanged, two family members shot in brutal KZN murder

DURBAN – KwaZulu-Natal police on Monday appealed to the public for information about the murder of a mother and her two children.

Police were called to the Mzungu area in Ndwedwe on Friday night, Lieutenant Colonel Thulani Zwane said.

They found the bodies of Thandokwakhe Bhengu, 35,

and her two children Lindelani, 16, and Lungisani, 8.

Dead

The mother and teenager had been shot dead and Lungisani was hanging from a pole.

The motive for the triple murder had not been established yet

News24

RELIGIOUS LEADER CONSIDERED BLACK MAGICIAN **MURDERED**

- Jalal Uddin, 71, 'murdered by Mohammed Syeedy and Mohammed Kadir'
- The murderers were 'ISIS supporters who considered Mr Uddin black magician'
- Uddin suffered a fractured skull and was found in a park in Rochdale

MANCHESTER - TWO ISIS supporters used a hammer to beat to death a Muslim leader in a Rochdale park because they believed he was a black magician, a court heard yesterday.

Jalal Uddin, 71, was allegedly murdered by Mohammed Hussain Syeedy, 22, and Mohammed Abdul Kadir, 24, who had been 'motivated by hatred'.

The men allegedly 'stalked' their victim in a car before caving in his skull and face after he left his local mosque following evening prayers.

Syeedy, who is on trial for murder at Manchester Crown Court, denies murder and his alleged accomplice Kadir has apparently fled abroad.

Uddin was found with severe fractures to his skull administered with a hammer as he walked past a children's play area near Rochdale town centre.

Uddin died 'without ever regaining consciousness and without ever being able to say who had attacked him, or why', the court heard.

Addressing the 12 jurors, prosecutor Paul Greaney QC told the court that Uddin was a practitioner of a form of Islamic healing called Ruqya which involved the use of charms.

Jurors were told that Syeedy and Kadir had been ISIS supporters and believed that those who practised Ruqya should be killed.

Greaney said: "ISIS regards this practice as black magic and adheres to the view that those who engage in it deserve severe punishment even death."

He added: "Who hated a decent man like Jalal Uddin with such virulence?"

He continued: "The answer to that important question is to be found in the twisted ideology of ISIS, sometimes known as Islamic State."

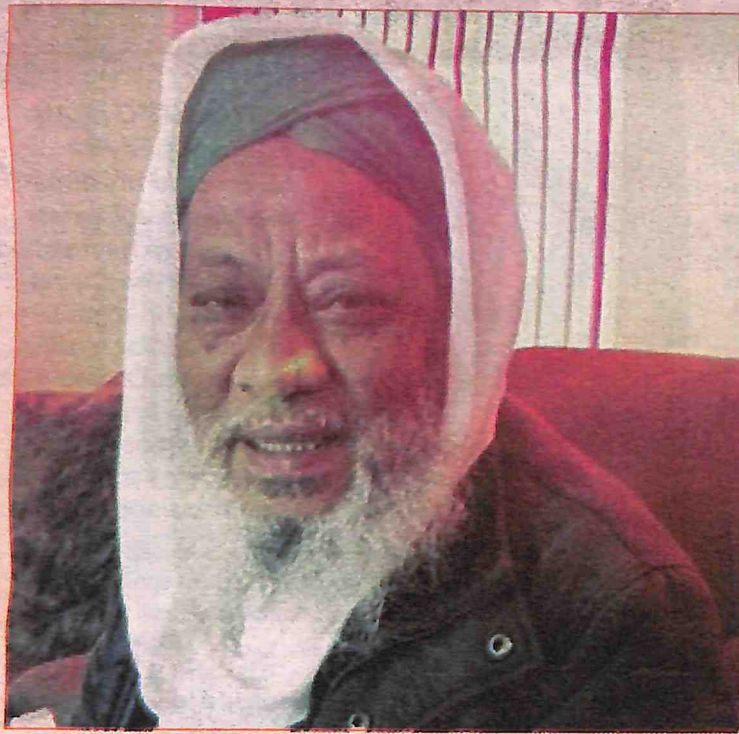
Hatred

Syeedy and Kadir had discovered that Uddin was a practitioner in the summer of 2015 and began to stalk him having "developed a hatred of him," he said.

Uddin was found seriously injured by two young girls shortly before 9pm on February 18, 2016, as they entered the park and discovered him on the ground.

He was taken to hospital from the scene in South Street but died a short time later. It is thought Uddin had earlier visited a nearby mosque for evening prayers.

The prosecutor said that it was on this evening that 'events reached a climax' as the men 'stalked Jalal Uddin around the streets of Rochdale.'



VICTIM: Jalal Uddin, 71, was allegedly murdered by 'ISIS supporters' Mohammed Hussain Syeedy, 22, and Mohammed Abdul Kadir, 24, who had been 'motivated by hatred'.

The court heard that in Syeedy's car, the two followed him as Uddin left the Jalalia Mosque where he had been praying before going to a friend's house for a meal and walking home.

Greaney added: "As Jalal Uddin entered the park on the final leg of his journey home, Kadir left the defendant's car and ran in after this man in his seventies, attacking him with a weapon, probably as I have said, a hammer striking blows to his head and face."

Kadir then ran to the other side of the park where he was picked up by Syeedy and spirited away, the prosecutor adding, "having carried out a killing that was the result of hatred and intolerance."

Jurors were told that the defendant accepts that Kadir murdered Uddin and admits that he was with Kadir both before and after the killing.

Anticipate

The prosecutor continued: "However we anticipate that he will maintain that he had no idea that Kadir was going to attack Jalal Uddin before it happened and he will claim therefore that he played no part in the murder."

"The defendant will claim also that he does not support ISIS or violent extremism of any type."

The court was told of the moment Uddin was discovered by the two young girls.

One ran to get help from her medical student brother whilst the other called 999 on her mobile

phone whilst tending to injured Mr Uddin.

The court heard that the girl's brother who had attended at the scene realised that Uddin had been assaulted and tried his best to keep him alive before paramedics and police arrived.

He died a short time after in hospital, without ever regaining consciousness.

At the scene locals were able to identify Uddin, many knowing him as 'Qari Saab' - a term of respect reflecting his deep knowledge and understanding of the Quran.

A post mortem examination revealed that he had suffered multiple injuries to his head and face, with the bones of his face badly fractured.

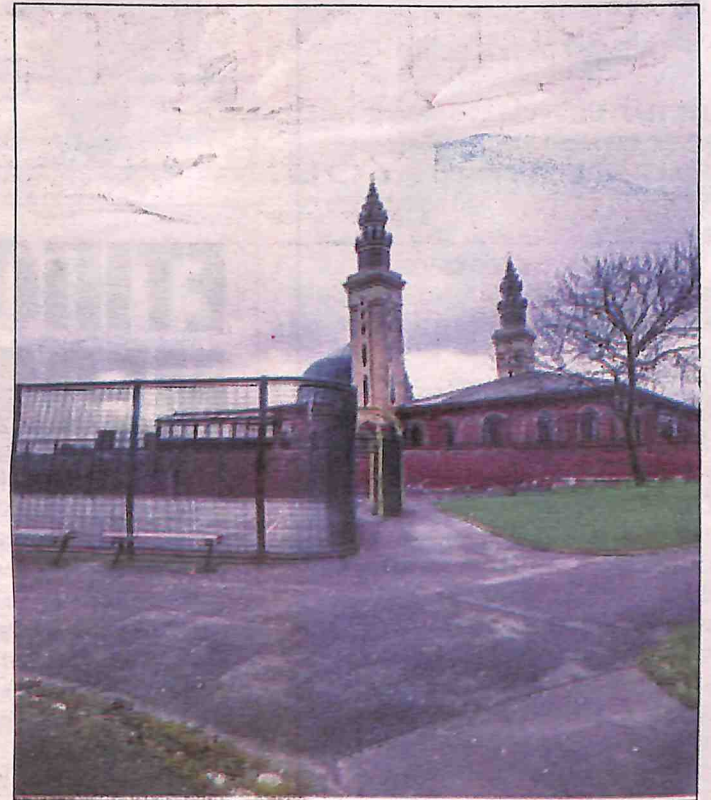
Focused

Greaney said that his attacker had focused the violence to those areas and that a hammer had 'probably' been used.

He continued: 'Jalal Uddin's skull had been forced into his brain by a blow from the weapon, causing damage to the brain itself.'

"These injuries were plainly not the result of a robbery gone wrong. On the contrary they were obviously the result of an attack that was planned, motivated by hatred and by a desire to humiliate Jalal Uddin and undoubtedly intended to kill or at the very least cause really serious harm."

The prosecutor told jurors that after hearing all of the evidence in



CRIME SCENE: Uddin was found with severe fractures to his skull administered with a hammer as he walked past a children's play area near Rochdale town centre.

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Jihadist pleads guilty

THE HAGUE – A Malian jihadist asked for forgiveness as he pleaded guilty on Monday to the 2012 attacks on the fabled city of Timbuktu, and urged Muslims not to follow such “evil” ways at his unprecedented war crimes trial. Your honour, regrettably I have to say that what I heard so far is accurate and reflects the events.

AFP

Private equity team trimmed

JOHANNESBURG – The head of Standard Chartered’s African fund, which has \$800 million invested, is set to leave the bank as it trims its private equity team on the continent, its global head of private equity said on Monday. Peter Baird, who was appointed in 2011 and has 20 years experience in private equity and investment banking, will be replaced by Ronald Tamale, a former Goldman Sachs analyst, CEO of Standard Chartered Private Equity Joe Stevens told Reuters. Baird declined to comment. It was not clear if he quit or was removed.

Reuters

Shekau wounded in Sambisa raid

SAMBIA – Military authorities said last night that following a major air onslaught on major remaining camps of Boko Haram terrorists in Sambisa forest, some of the groups’ commanders have been killed. A statement sent at about 1am, said leader of a faction of the terrorists group who recently claimed possession of the Chibok Girls, Abubakar Shekau, was seriously injured in the airforce bombardment. Over a hundred terrorists who were said to be regrouping and planning further attacks were killed in the air raid.

AllAfrica

Rainbow govt faces cloudy future

TUNIS – Prime Minister Youssef Chahed’s new government promises to be the most inclusive since Tunisia’s 2011 revolution, encompassing all six major parties, independents and allies of often hostile trade unions. But even before parliament votes to approve it, Chahed’s experiment with diversity is running into the kind of pressures and divisions that have doomed his predecessors’ attempts to win the political capital needed to push through reforms.

Reuters

Zim Minister in near-fatal crash

KAMPALA — A Ugandan diplomat has “accidentally” shared a confidential government brief about South Sudan with the UN Security Council, triggering a diplomatic incident and embarrassment. In Kampala, Foreign Affairs ministry officials in an attempt to mute the backlash held an emergency meeting with and apologised to US Ambassador Deborah Malac whose country sponsored the August 12, 2016 UN resolution on Africa’s newest nation. Our investigations show that in the tense run up to the vote on the resolution, Kampala on August 10 prepared a two-page document to provide talking points to guide its diplomats in presenting the country’s position to the world body.

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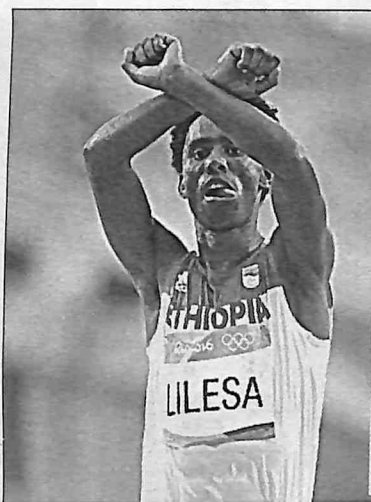


ETHIOPIA'S GOVT VOWS OLYMPIC MEDALLIST HAS NOTHING TO FEAR

ADDIS ABABA – Ethiopia’s government vowed that Olympic marathon silver medallist Feyisa Lilesa had nothing to fear upon returning home after staging a dramatic protest against the country’s politics, state-controlled Fana radio reported on Monday.

On Sunday, Lilesa, who came second to Kenyan favourite Eliud Kipchoge in Rio, crossed his arms as he finished the marathon in protest against the Ethiopian government’s crack-down on political dissent.

He repeated the gesture during the race’s medal ceremony, saying he was afraid to go back to his homeland following his protest “against the govern-



NOTHING TO FEAR: Ethiopia’s Feyisa Lilesa held his arms over his head, wrists crossed, as he finished second at the Olympic marathon in a gesture of support for members of his Oromo tribe who have been protesting at government plans to re-allocate farmland.

ment’s attitude regarding Oromo people”, one of two main ethnic groups in Ethiopia. “Lilesa won’t face any problem due to his political stance,”

government spokesperson Getachew Reda told Fana.

Impossible

“Though it is impossible to express a political stance at

Olympic Games, the athlete will be welcomed while returning home along with other members of the Ethiopian Olympic squad,” he added.

Crack

Human rights groups say that Ethiopian security forces have killed scores of people in recent weeks as authorities crack down on a wave of anti-government unrest in two key regions, central-western Oromia and Amhara in the north.

“I have relatives in prison back home,” Lilesa said after Sunday’s marathon in Rio.

“If you talk about democracy they kill you. If I go back to Ethiopia maybe they will kill me, or put me in prison.”

Africa News Agency



FOR BETTER OR WORSE: Susan Mortimer and Robert Hackley, from Plymouth, have been together for 11 years and were in the process of planning their big day in September until they both fell ill. Mr Hackley, 57, accidentally stepped on a piece of glass which turned his right leg septic and he was admitted to hospital in January. Doctors told him he needed to have an amputation as he had suffered with infections for several years, and had already had two toes removed. Mrs Mortimer was rushed into the same hospital and told she needed her left leg amputated because an ulcer caused by diabetes had corroded her ankle. Dailymail

UAE DEPOSITS \$1BN IN EGYPT'S CENTRAL BANK FOR SIX YEARS

DUBAI — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) offered on Monday one billion US dollars in deposit to Egypt’s Central Bank for six years, Emirati state news agency WAM reported.

This support comes within the framework of “strategic co-operation and co-ordination” between the two countries, reported WAM. The UAE aims to support Egypt to promote its development and as a recognition of Egypt’s pivotal regional role.

The deal was signed by Mohammed Saif Al-Suwaidi, Director-General of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) and Tarek Amer, Governor of the Central Bank of Egypt, in the presence of other dignitaries from both sides in Abu Dhabi. The agreement took place 11 days following the International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) deal with Egypt, stipulating a 12 billion dollars loan over three years in order to revive its ailing economy, pending approval by the IMF’s executive board.

Africa News Agency

Libya renew push to oust Islamic State from Sirte

TRIPOLI – Libyan forces renewed their push to oust the Islamic State from its former North African stronghold of Sirte on Sunday, saying they had seized the city’s main mosque and a jail run by the militants’ morality police.

The forces, mainly brigades from the city of Misrata, say they are close to capturing Sirte after taking most of the city in a three-month campaign and restricting militants to a shrinking residen-

tial area in the city centre. Since August 1, they have been supported by US air strikes. At least nine brigade fighters were killed and 85 wounded in Sunday’s fighting, Misrata hospital spokesperson Akram Gliwan said.

Advanced

Fighters backed by heavy artillery and tanks advanced early in the day in Bufaraa neighbourhood, seizing a building used by Islamic State’s morality police as a prison, said Rida Issa, a

spokesperson. Later, forces took Ribat mosque, Sirte’s biggest, where senior militants, including leading Islamic State ideologue Turki Ben Ali, had preached, the forces’ media office said.

Captured

The media office said “dozens” of bodies of Islamic State fighters were found in newly captured areas, although it did not give a specific number and it was not clear when the militants were killed.

Reuters

EGYPTIAN MINISTER IMPLICATED IN DAMNING WHEAT REPORT

CAIRO – A fact-finding commission investigating corruption in Egypt’s domestic wheat supplies has delivered its final report to parliament, a lawmaker said on Monday, amid mounting pressure on the minister of supplies to resign.

Egypt, the world’s largest importer of wheat, has been mired in controversy over whether much of the roughly 5-million tons of grain the government said it procured in this year’s harvest exists only on paper, the result of local suppliers falsifying receipts to boost government payments.

Reuters



BILL CLINTON DEFENDS FOUNDATION'S WORK

WASHINGTON — Former US President Bill Clinton defended the work of his charitable foundation on Monday, telling supporters that it had “improved millions of lives around the world” but needs to change if his wife, Hillary Clinton, wins the White House.

The former president outlined the Clinton Foundation's accomplishments and planned shift in scope in an email to about 500 000 supporters. It came hours after Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump called the foundation “the most corrupt enterprise in political history” adding, “It must be shut down immediately”.

Bill Clinton announced last week that the foundation will no longer accept contributions from foreign governments and corporations if his wife, the

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ON THE DEFENCE: Bill Clinton.

Democratic presidential nominee, is elected.

Initiative

The ex-president, who oversees the foundation with daughter

Chelsea Clinton, also said he would hold his final Clinton Global Initiative meeting next month in New York regardless of the election's outcome.

Campaign

“Since Hillary began her presidential campaign in 2015, Chelsea and I have made it clear that the work the Clinton Foundation started should continue if Hillary is elected, but that changes would be necessary,” Bill Clinton said in the email. “While it would be presumptive to assume a victory in November, now that Hillary is her party's nominee, it would be irresponsible not to plan for it.”

AP

Trooper fatally shoots deaf, mute driver

MOSCOW — A US trooper fatally shot a deaf and mute driver in the state of North Carolina as the driver was chased over speed violation, local media reported yesterday.

According to the WCNC broadcaster, trooper Jermaine Saunders attempted to pull over a Volvo for speeding, but the driver, Daniel Kevin Harris, did not stop. The two cars got involved in a chase, in which both of them were damaged, then the driver left the car and was fatally shot.

Witnessed

The broadcaster cited witnesses, who said that Harris was apparently trying to communicate with the trooper using sign language before he was killed.

“I was here in my driveway and I saw the highway patrol car come through and it was smoking really bad.”

AP

BRIEFS

Nieto accused of plagiarism

MEXICO CITY — Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto heavily plagiarised the thesis for his law degree, according to an investigation by a local news outlet. Aristegui Noticias on Sunday published an online report based on an analysis of the embattled president's thesis by a group of academics, which it said was then corroborated by the news outlet. It said 29% of the thesis was material lifted from other works, including 20 paragraphs copied word-for-word from a book written by former President Miguel de la Madrid without citation or mention in the bibliography.

AP

Sarkozy announces presidency bid

PARIS — Former French leader Nicolas Sarkozy launched a fresh bid on Monday to win back the presidency, announcing he would seek the nomination of his centre-right party to run in next year's election. The pugnacious 61-year-old conservative, who was deeply unpopular by the end of his five years as president, had made no secret of his ambition to reconquer the top office. “I have decided to be a candidate in the 2017 presidential election,” Sarkozy, who was voted out of office in 2012, wrote in the foreword to a new book *Tout pour la France* (All for France) due out later this week.

AFP

Arms for Afghanistan from India

NEW DELHI — India is set to deliver more arms to Afghanistan to help it fight Islamist militants, Kabul's envoy to New Delhi said, even if Pakistan is wary of closer military cooperation between countries lying to its east and west. India has provided a little over \$2 billion (£27.16 billion) in economic assistance to Afghanistan in the last 15 years, but has been more measured in providing weapons in order to avoid a backlash from Pakistan, which sees Afghanistan as its area of influence.

Reuters

Money short for inmate defence

ST. LOUIS — Five legal groups are supporting a Missouri death row inmate, whose execution was halted hours before it was to be carried out in 2014, saying that he can't receive an adequate defence with the money allocated. Three national criminal defence associations, a civil rights law firm and the American Bar Association made court filings last week to the 8th US Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis on behalf of Mark Christeson, convicted of the 1998 killings of a Missouri woman and her two children.

AP

Florida allocates \$5m to fight Zika

MIAMI BEACH — Governor Rick Scott has announced that the Florida Department of Health is allocating another \$5 million (£67.90 million) in funding to Miami-Dade County for Zika preparedness and mosquito control. Earlier Monday, US Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine asked for more federal resources to combat Zika's spread in South Florida, where the first cases of the virus transmitted by mosquito bites on the US mainland have been found in the neighbourhoods of South Beach and Wynwood.

AP

Philippines' Duterte seen setting up economic boom

MANILA — Less than two months in office, Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte is getting high marks from the business community for policies that could engineer an economic surge and companies say they are making new investments as a result.

While Duterte may be getting headlines for a bloody war against drug dealers and users, less attention has been paid to one of Asia's few economic success stories.

The groundwork was laid by Duterte's predecessor, President Benigno Aquino, who took growth above 6 percent over his six-year term, but executives are also cheering the new administration's focus on building new infrastructure and say it could spell the start

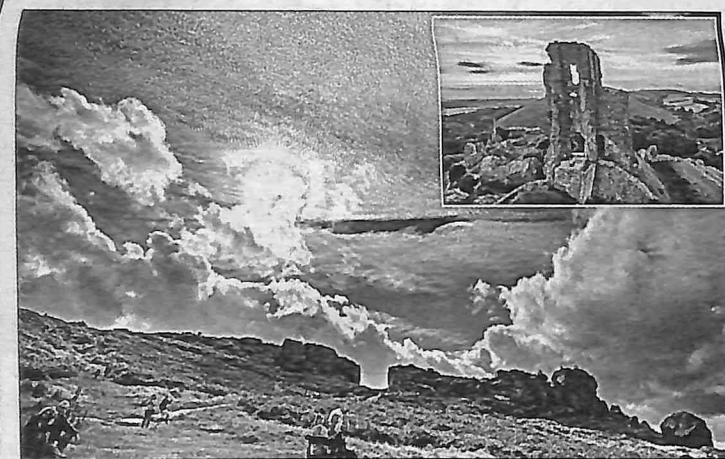
of a long-term boom. Some even see Duterte's violent and highly controversial anti-drugs campaign as potentially positive.

Good

“We are in a very good spot,” said Antonio Moncupa Jr., president and CEO of East-West Banking Corp, one of the top 10 lenders in the country. “The pronouncement of government prioritising infrastructure spending, accelerating it and cutting red tape, solving peace and order, I think all point to very good prospects ahead.”

Last week, the government announced that the Philippines' economy grew at seven percent in the second quarter from a year earlier, its highest level in three years.

Reuters



MIND BLOWING: Forecasters say the mercury will rise up to 30°C in much of the south east of England today with some parts even fetching up to 33°C as a ‘blowtorch’ of hot air sweeps in from north Africa and Spain. The rest of the country will also enjoy highs of 28°C, which are set to last well into tomorrow as Britons enjoy a long-awaited heatwave. *Dailymail*

Iran seeks closer ties with Cuba

HAVANA — Iran wants to forge a “new path” in its relations with Cuba by tightening ties, Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Monday at the start of a Latin American tour.

“It's a very opportune moment to extend our relations,” he told journalists at the start of a meeting with Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez.

“We have always been on the side of the great Cuban people in the face of the atrocities and unjust sanctions they have faced, and vice versa,” he said, in an apparent reference to Cuba's long

history of enmity with the United States. Cuba re-established diplomatic ties with the US last year, but their historic rapprochement has not yet brought an end to the US embargo imposed on the communist island since 1962. Zarif praised Cuba's “resistance” to the United States, with which Iran has not had formal diplomatic relations since 1980.

Forge

“We are going to forge a new path in our bilateral relations with Cuba,” he said, mentioning the energy, industrial and technology sectors as possible areas for cooperation. Rodriguez for his part



HANDSHAKE: Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif (L) shakes hands with his Cuban counterpart Bruno Rodriguez.

reiterated Cuba's support for Iran in its dispute with the United States and other world powers over its nuclear programme.

Iran sealed a deal last year with

Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the US to limit the programme in return for the lifting of international sanctions.

AFP



HIP HOP AWARDS TICKETS OUT THIS WEEK

By Nomfundo Sifundza

THE brand new concept of Swaziland Hip Hop Awards (SHHAs) has gained momentum as tickets to the awards ceremony will be out this week.

The event organiser Zwakele Mkhonta, said they opted to avail tickets for retail as soon as possible in order to ascertain how many people would attend the first ever hip hop awards ceremony in the country.

"We are doing everything we can whilst time is on our side so that there are no surprises on the night. The

Voting is currently being conducted on the hip hop awards website and currently 'Origin Elle', a female rapper has been topping the charts followed by 'Illa Pen Boy', who recently pleaded with local music lovers to support local acts

eventual ticket price will also be announced this week after the meeting the team and I will have today (yesterday)," he said.

Mkhonta further mentioned that he and his team had great plans for artists on their table as they would soon be engaging Swazi MTN for the nation to vote for their favourite

artists through a voting line provided by the company (MTN).

Voting is currently being conducted on the hip hop awards website (www.shhas.org) and a female rapper known as 'Origin Elle' has been topping the charts followed by 'Illa Pen Boy' who recently pleaded with local music lovers to support local acts.



SUPPORT: Illa Pen Boy.

The Swaziland Arts and Music Association (SWAMA) has endorsed the awards ceremony.

The venue for the awards is yet to be revealed.

On the other hand, hip hop artists have different views on the concept as others believe it should be well constructed before being rolled out whereas some are excited and are looking forward to the awards ceremony.

Gospel hip hop artist 'Switch', real name Sandile Khumalo, said he was happy the event organisers included gospel hip hop amongst the categories.

"I have been nominated twice and am certain I'll take at least one award home," Khumalo said.

Vusi Mahlasela to feature in 'Bholoja's arts festival

By Nomfundo Sifundza

SOUTH African music legend Vusi Mahlasela is scheduled to perform at Bholoja's arts festival dubbed 'Yebo Gogo, Yebo Mzala'.

The festival would be staged from September 30 to October 1.

The South African guru will perform alongside the country's Afro-soul maestro at the festival intended to sensitise the public on road safety.

The tag line 'yebo gogo, yebo mzala' is a phrase 'Bholoja', real name Mbongiseni Ngubane, recites in-between his performances.

Vusi Sidney Mahlasela is a Sotho singer and songwriter.

He has often been dubbed as 'The Voice' by the South African music industry due to his excellent musical renditions.

Mahlasela's music could be defined as 'African folk'. The three-day festival will be held in the capital city at a venue yet to be revealed.



LEGEND: South African music legend Vusi Mahlasela.

Local artists expressed excitement as most regard 'Bholoja' as the 'Big Brother' of the game.

'Bholoja' could not be reached for further comments by the time of going to print.



SIDLEKOTINI: Crax and Mozaik.

Crax, Mozaik for 'King Kotini'

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE much awaited show headlined by Ricky Rick 'King Kotini' to be held at the White House in Manzini, has added 'Crax' who will be featuring 'Mozaik' in his set.

The duo forms part of the interesting line-up of rappers that include Kangaroo, LK, Eskay and Eimsofly.

The show is brought to the country by Zikode Entertainment, a South African based stable and it will be held at The White House in Manzini.

"We are happy to confirm that two more artists have been added to the show, which we are looking forward to host as it promises to be a fun-filled event. Tickets are already out and revellers can get them from The White House in Manzini, Celltronix and Perfume Hut Mbabane and Manzini," White House PRO Mastermind Sungwe, said.

But in an interesting turn of

events, it has been gathered that 'King Kotini' is billed to perform at the weekend during Kwesta's three-day birthday explosion and his performance is scheduled for Friday.

The rapper also appears in another line-up which is set for Saturday where he is sharing the stage with prominent names like Da Les and Casper Nyovest.

Coming

"We can assure the Swazi nation that Ricky Rick is coming to the country as we have already made payments and he will be posting on his social media pages to further confirm. We are already selling tickets for his show and are confident this show will be worth attending," Sungwe said. Ricky Rick was a South African rapper, actor, writer, composer and record producer. His debut studio album 'Family Values' was released on April 3, 2015. He is signed to his own independent label and record company, Makhado Makhado Agency.

ENCRYPTO LOUNGE REGISTRATION EXTENDED

By Majaha Nkonyane

PERFORMING arts lounge, Encrypto, based at Ngwenya area, has extended registration for artists in order to enlarge its database.

The lounge has extended the deadline for registration from August 20 to 31 and the fee for all artists still remains at E50.

The centre will be opening September 1 and for every show that the lounge will host artists on

the database will be on the line-up for entertainment.

"The process has been a bit slow and we have opted to extend registration for artists, we are also working on sensitising more artists about the lounge apart from the means we have used to date. We are looking forward to more artists registering as this will be a good opportunity for our artists to showcase their craft," Encrypto Arts Lounge Director Enkosi Mdluli said.

The objective of the centre is to



provide career opportunities for artists in any of the following categories: Fine Arts (photography, video production, film), Decorative Art (jewellery facets, metal crafting, interior design), Visual Arts (painting, sculpture, drawing) and Performing Arts (traditional dance groups, music, poetry, comedy and many more).

On another note, Afro Soul band Quad Element will perform at the Swaziland International Trade Fair.

The all male group is preparing for their set which they will be presenting on September 2.

The band comprises Boifut Nxumalo on keys, Thembelani 'TBoi' Masina, Mayibongwe 'Mayos' Zwane on vocals and choreography, as well as the Encrypto Lounge Director Enkosi Mdluli on bass guitar.

The band has been making waves outside the country and creating strong ties, mostly in Durban.

ANNUAL SWAZI RALLY ONLINE PRE-SALE TICKETS STOPPED

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE annual Swazi Rally, which begins on Friday, has closed the online ticket sales due to procedural reasons.

Public Relations Officer of the Swazi Rally, Banele Dlamini said it was a standing procedure that the online sale of tickets is stopped a week before the event. The biking club took this decision in order to be able to balance the number of people with proof of payment with those recorded online.

Fun lovers and bikers are now left with an option of paying E220 at the gate per person and this is a standard price for the whole weekend.

The rally has over the years attracted thousands of bikers from beyond the borders of the country; South Africa, followed by Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Botswana, Namibia and Lesotho. The event is now recognised internationally.

"The bikers festival is going to be covered by the top selling Bike Magazine called BIKE SA, local media as well as SABC and some radio stations.

"Swazis should come in early to avoid congestion as we are expecting thousands of people from the neighbouring countries, actually the SADC region.

"The number of lady bikers present has already exceeded last year's, which is good as this year we have dedicated the rally for the support of women and the girl child with the theme being pink," Rally organiser Sonia Pavia said.

This year's entertainment line-up is

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STUNT: Part of the fun at the annual Swazi Rally event last year.

a mix of interesting artists like: Itallo, Paseka, Flowe, who will be performing a smooth jazz session on Saturday afternoon. Dusty and Stones, DJ Xtra Luv, the Trendsetters, Lady Cream, Master P, and DJ Fresh will be performing on Friday night.

This year's rally is already attracting attention with companies outside the country as Yamaha South Africa has already formed part of sponsors. The company has donated a Yamaha R3 Rossi Replica motorcycle, which will be used as to raise funds to build houses for underprivileged families.

The rally will cater for an even larger audience as Saturday will be dedicated to the sports enthusiasts. Motor cycle racing will start from 10am followed by fun games such as spinning

and drifting.

Car spinners have been included in the line-up for this year's Swazi Rally.

Players like Eddie Rasta, who is a veteran spinner from Cape Town with Sunesh and Maskopas, will be thrilling the masses on Saturday at Riders Ranch.

On the other hand, Extreme Bikers will be keeping attendees entertained with their stunts and games. Above all, the rally will have a female car spinner Stacey, who will also be displaying her stunts in line with the women's month theme. Swazi car spinners Zweli 'Fat Boi' Yende and Samson 'Swazi Machine' will be doing what they do best, representing the Swazi nation.

'Smokey and Wigo' drop second single

Be Phumelele Mkhonta

HIP hop duo Samkeliso 'Smokey' Dlamini and Welile 'Wigo' Mthethwa, have dropped the single 'Parole.'

The single has been trending on the internet and the air waves. The hit track has also been played on SBIS2 by Fifi Dope.

According to Mthethwa, the song

was inspired by the prospect of being released in a situation through someone's mercy.

"By parole we really did not refer to jail circumstances; every one of us may experience some sort of release from a nasty situation by a person who has seen potential in us and thus extended mercy," said Mthethwa.

According to Swazi hip hop review blogger Siboniso Dlamini, the duo captivated his attention with their first

single titled 'Finesse'.

"The song did very well and took social media by storm. When asked what inspired the song, the duo revealed they wanted to sell out all elements that are incorporated in good music which are, content, a different sound and 'feel good' music. So they decided to make a song that every young person could relate to and 'Smokey' suggested they go with 'Finesse'.

Story

"The duo says everyone has a story to tell about the place. "It might not be your favourite spot, honestly, we don't like the place, but you cannot shy away from the fact that it is a popular hangout spot and we've all been there.

"They set a pretty high bar for Swazi hip hop with the song; especially when it came to content and quality. With this being said, when they were getting ready to drop 'Parole', my expectations were already high. I'm happy to say they met my expectations and most probably surpassed them. We hope 'Smokey and Wigo' keep going against all odds and keep bringing us their 'feel good' music," said Dlamini.



MUSIC MAN: Bonginkosi Charles Lumbela aka LCBizzy.

LCBizzy to perform in Nelspruit

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

RAP artist Bonginkosi Charles Lumbela, aka LCBizzy is due to perform in Nelspruit after the SADC Fashion Festival.

The artist will be at the SADC Summit Fashion Festival this weekend at Ezulwini, Woodlands, where he will be rendering his latest single titled "Tijwababa" which is all about showing appreciation to all the beautiful ladies. Lumbela's recently released single debuted on radio three weeks ago and is available for download on social media pages.

"I am happy to be part of the fashion show and I'm glad the organisers saw it fit for me to perform the song at the SADC Fashion Festival. I love what I

do. It is an honour to have your work noticed and appreciated outside your country. It is also humbling and inspiring as you get to know whether you are headed in the right direction. I am looking forward to both shows that I have been booked for this weekend," Lumbela said.

The artist will on Sunday perform in Nelspruit. He will be performing at the Casambo jam session at another hip hop artist's EP launch. Lumbela said he has business relations with a company in Nelspruit and they were the ones who slotted him in for EP's launch. The artist, known as Larry, has been doing hip hop since 2012.

The rapper is launching his first project after releasing a number of singles over the years.

Tom D spreading wings in Nigeria

POET and author Tom Lukheleni, affectionately known as Tom D, is due to perform in Nigeria again.

The poet, who recently wrote and released a book titled 'Khuluma Sonkhondlo' has performed outside the country numerous times, thus creating a name for himself.

His book was bought by publishers in SA who have requested to be kept anonymous for now until May 2017.

Lukheleni's next performance will be in Johannesburg News Café, at an event dubbed 'Poetry Culture Launch' in September and late November.

"It was a great experience for me as a poet and am happy to have represented my country whilst growing my art.

"I like the reception I get each time I am outside the country. It is a new experience each time and the people love Swazi poetry.

People can expect a new style of poetry as I am due to drop my debut album in November though still figuring out the title.

In 2017, I am dropping my second coming poetry book titled 'Afflictions of Africa'. I also plan to reach out with words and charity. I am not scheduled to perform in the country anytime soon," Tom Lukheleni said.



SPREADING WINGS: Tom D.

On another note, the poet recently did charity work where he donated clothes to the needy and planted vegetables for them in Mbuluzi and Zone 4 in Mbabane.

The poet is working with Helping Hand Swaziland.

His work has moved from spoken word to written poetry and further moved to digital in a single he released last Friday titled 'They Killed Us'.





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LOVE BACK
TOMORROW 20:00 | MZANSI WETHU (163)

S2/E25 - 2/25". Everybody has that one person who 'got away'. We are giving you the chance to try every-

thing in your power to get 'umuntu wakho' back.



THE FIRST 48
TOMORROW 20:50 | CRIME + INVESTIGATION (170)

'The First 48' returns for a brand new series this month on Crime + Investigation®. In medicine, they call it the 'critical hours', in criminal investigation they call it 'The First 48'. Ask any detective and they will tell you that if they don't have a lead, a suspect or an arrest within two days, their chances of solving the case are cut in half. 'The First

48' follows homicide detectives during these initial critical hours as they race against time to solve their cases. The hour-long programme follows various detectives of a few select homicide teams as they track breaking cases - each with a running clock that builds pace as their time inevitably expires.



BOTCHED
TOMORROW 12:30 | E! ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION (124)

"S3/E13 - Here Comes Tummy Boo Hoo". Dr Nassif helps a patient get the nose she wants in time for

her wedding and Mama June of Honey Boo Bro fame needs a fupa lift.



ARLINGTON ROAD
TOMORROW 20:00 | SONY (127)

Widowed when his FBI agent wife was killed by a right-wing group, Michael Faraday (Jeff Bridges), professor of modern history and an expert on domestic terrorism, becomes obsessed with the culture of these organisations, especially when his new neighbours, Oliver

(Tim Robbins) and Cheryl Lang (Joan Cusack), start acting suspiciously. At first the Langs seem like the perfect addition to the neighbourhood. But when Faraday's private sleuthing turns up dark secrets from Oliver's past, the mystery deepens on Arlington Road.

TRACE AFRICA LAUNCHES ON DStv IN SEPTEMBER

DSTV is proud to announce the launch of a brand new music channel, TRACE Africa, set to hit screens across southern Africa, from Thursday September 1.

Viewers on the Premium, Compact + and Compact bouquets will be spoilt for choice with a wide selection of authentic African music and stars on **channel 326**.

TRACE Africa will serve as the premiere destination for Southern African music lovers, featuring music videos of the best contemporary Southern African music hits as well as exclusive specials and documentaries.

From kwaito and house to coupé-décalé, from Afro-pop and rumba to ndombolo, TRACE Africa has them all!

TRACE's CEO, Olivier Laouchez, said: "TRACE is already the leading music brand in Africa. The new localised music channel will help promote more artists from the biggest music hubs



of Southern Africa and they will better serve the strong need of our audiences for great local content.

Countdown

Viewers can look forward to shows such as "African Hit 10", a daily countdown of the best hits from Africa.

"New", focusing on the latest releases and freshest tunes by local

talent and "Guest Star", puts the spotlight on today's hottest Southern African stars where viewers will get to know their favourite stars on a personal level.

Sounds

Remember to tune in for more sights, sounds and news from your favourite artists only on DStv channel 326.

NICK JONAS TO PERFORM AT VMAs

MULTI-platinum recording artist Nick Jonas has announced that he will hit the streets of New York City in a special performance at the 2016 MTV Video Music Awards.

He will perform his hit single 'Bacon' featuring Ty Dolla \$ign from his second solo studio album, 'Last Year Was Complicated', making his debut as a solo artist during the VMAs' main show.

The 2016 VMAs will take place at New York's iconic Madison Square Garden premiering and premiere on MTV (DStv Channel 130) on Monday 29 August at 21:00 CAT. Build up to the big night begins with the official Pre-Show including red carpet action on MTV on Monday 29 August at 20:00 CAT.

In keeping with the spirit of this year's show celebrating the creative expression of artists, Jonas made his announcement with a video that was custom-created by Brooklyn-based motion graphics artist, Zolloc.

Island Records artist Nick Jonas

introduced himself as a fully-formed solo artist on his hit, self-titled debut, released in November 2014. The critically-acclaimed album included the double-platinum and #1 US radio hit, Jealous and his sultry chart-climbing radio single Chains.

Gritty

Jonas, also an accomplished actor, stars in the gritty television show 'Kingdom' - a mixed martial arts drama that premiered in the fall of 2014. He recently appeared in two more high-profile roles, a guest-starring role in FOX's horror-comedy series 'Scream Queens' and a lead in the critically-acclaimed 'Goat' produced by and featuring James Franco.

A recipient of the Hal David Starlight Award by the Songwriters Hall of Fame, Jonas released his sophomore solo album 'Last Year Was Complicated' in June 2016, which debuted as the Billboard #1 selling album of the week and includes the platinum hit 'Close' featuring Tove Lo. Most recently the solo powerhouse joined his longtime



friend, Demi Lovato, on their US tour. Los Angeles born Rn'B singer Tyrone Griffin, more notably known as Ty Dolla \$ign, shot to stardom with his breakout mixtape, 2012's 'Beach House'.

His hit single 'My Cabana' was not only last summer's round the clock party anthem, but it figures to be played in every pool and beachside cabana in the USA.

Ty Dolla \$ign has written some of the most well-crafted and melodic pop songs on the radio. He is one of the most popular street rappers in LA, but it wasn't until he wrote and produced his hit 'Toot it and Boot it', that he earned radio airplay.

International
Celebrity News

CIARA, RUSSELL WILSON CALLED OFF WEDDING TWICE

NEW YORK - Planning Ciara and Russell Wilson's big day may not be as easy as you thought.

Close to two months after the "I Bel" singer and the Seattle Seahawks quarterback exchanged vows at the Peckforton Castle in Cheshire, England, the couple's wedding planner is sharing new details about what led up to the unforgettable day.



NEWLY WEDS:
Russell Wilson and Ciara.

According to Mindy Weiss, who pulled off one "heartfelt" day, the Hollywood pair had to change their plans on not one but two occasions.

"I did the whole thing — three times," Mindy revealed to The Knot. "They were first getting married in North Carolina, but they called it off due to the trans-

gender bathroom laws.
eOnline

GABBY DOUGLAS HAS NEW JOB

LOS ANGELES - Gabby Douglas is the coveted crown but also for scholarships.

The Olympic gymnast is going to join the panel of judges at the 2017 Miss America Competition, the Miss America Organisation announced on Monday. The gold medal winner will also be joined by

singer and actress Laura Marano for the highly anticipated event, which will see 52 women compete not only for



NEW JOB: Gabby Douglas.

the coveted crown but also for scholarships.

"Miss America has been such an amazing event for so many years and I am excited to have the opportunity to judge the competition this year," said Douglas in a statement. "The contestants are a great example of strong women across

America and I especially look forward to hearing the platforms that each of them will represent!"
eOnline

HALLE BERRY'S DRAMATIC READING OF BRITNEY

HOLLYWOOD - Halle Berry is not that innocent.

It shouldn't come as a major surprise that the A-list actress is familiar with one of Britney Spears' biggest hits. After all, we are talking about the legendary Brit Brit.

But in a hilarious new video for W Magazine, fans quickly learned that Halle has a huge respect for one of the pop star's first hits. Yes, we're talking about "Oops, I Did It Again."



DRAMATIC: Halle Berry.

Instead of showing off her singing skills, the actress delivered a dramatic reading featuring every lyric to the unforgettable song. And here's a tip for all music lovers: You have to watch until the very end when Halle repeats the famous words, "Oops, I Did It Again."

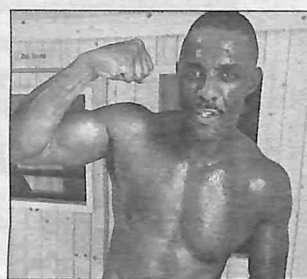
Nice touch, girl.
eOnline

IDRIS ELBA SHARES SHIRTLESS SNAP

LOS ANGELES - He is a national

heartthrob, having sent pulses racing in The Wire and Luther. And on Monday Idris Elba kept his fan base very happy, sharing a sweaty picture as he flexed his muscles wearing nothing but boxer shorts.

The 43-year-old Hackney-born actor looked super toned in his racy Instagram snap. Showing off his impressive muscles,



TONED: Idris Elba.

toned pecs and stomach, he posed in nothing but a pair of black boxers. 'Cutting weight, two days before first fight, mind in the right place. Fear NO guy,' he wrote alongside the picture. In recent weeks the father-of-two has been sharing multiple videos of

himself boxing, hinting at an upcoming match.
DailyMail

SA Celebrity News

AYEYE WONT BE RETURNING FOR SEASON II

JOHANNESBURG - Actor Thapelo Mokoena recently confirmed to Sowetan that Vuzu Amp's hit TV series Ayeeye will not be returning for a second season, despite the mammoth success of its first season.

"Ayeeye officially as I heard recently, it's not going to happen. It's a wrap on Ayeeye. Definitely sounds like it's not going to happen. I haven't thought about it, but it's been a



NO SEASON TWO:
Thapelo Mokoena.

week since we found out that it's not going to happen," Thapelo revealed to the local publication. "Sometimes we need to learn to let go of concepts that we are passionate about. Like Yizo Yizo, we needed another Yizo Yizo and it was great. But not every show is going to be like that," he said
TimesLive

'MY PARENTS WERE NOT SHOCKED ABOUT MY CALLING'

JOHANNESBURG - Almost two

months ago, actress and television personality Boity Thulo confirmed through an Instagram post that she was answering the call to be a traditional healer. Boity says despite the well wishes from many people, her parents weren't shocked when they discovered she had the calling. "My parents and close friends were not



FREE SPIRIT:
Boitumelo Thulo.

shocked," Boity tells BONA magazine. She says despite that support, her mother thinks that the call came perhaps a bit too early.

"The whole thing makes my mom emotional because she feels I am too young. But, there's no such

thing in the spirit," she tells the magazine.
Drum

ZOLEKA MANDELA SHAVES OFF HAIR

JOHANNESBURG - Zoleka Mandela who is battling a renewed cancer

scare has decided to tackle the effects of chemotherapy head-on by shaving off her hair. Zoleka's hair has been falling off due to the gruelling chemo sessions, but instead of feeling defeated she's opted for bravely shaving off her hair.

"Sunday, 21st August 2016 marks the day I finally shaved off the little hair my chemotherapy left on my head!



GONE BALD: Zoleka Mandela.

The eyebrows are on their way too as you can see but it all grows back," she said.

Zoleka who has been sharing her journey with her followers in an attempt to inspire other cancer sufferers has said that she's not bothered by the loss of her hair.

"I'm not bothered! I don't mind that my chin hairs are no longer growing either, I was never into the Catfish look anyway!!!"
TimesLive

THERE WAS NO R5 MILLION COMRADES - GIGI

JOHANNESBURG - Female rapper Gigi Lamayne who is one of the artists who were caught in the crossfire during the war between EFF leader Julius Malema and Mabala Noise owner Reggie Nkabinde has some strong opinions about the backlash. Mabala Noise and it's string of artists have been hogging headlines ever since Julius publicly accused Reggie of being embroiled in 'dodgy tender processes' and paying artists 'no less than R5 million.'

Days later Reggie called an urgent press conference where he rubbished the allegations, however, the EFF last Thursday announced that it had opened a case of fraud and racketeering against the entertainment compa-



WHAT R5 MILLION?:
Gigi Lamayne.

ny. Various artists belonging to the stable including Riky Rick and Khanyi Mbau have also come out to pour cold water on the claims.
Sowetan

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LUNCH TALKS: Mpiyakhe.

Mpiyakhe hosts an unexpected lunch guest. Mabuyi seeks assurances from Thandeka, who feels sorry for her. Jabu arranges to take a holiday with Iris. Kaone jumps to the wrong conclusion when Fezile invites her to eat with him.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



STRUGGLING: Sechaba.

Sechaba struggles to get a stubborn Lerato to go and see a doctor. Events from the braai cause further intolerance on the Deep. Nikiwe's guilt makes her lash out at S'khumbuzo.

Muvhango

TODAY



SACRIFICE: Azwindini.

Azwindini realises the sacrifice his wife has made for him. A surprise guest arrives at the Mojalefa mansion. Vho-Mukondelele confronts Teboho about the pamphlet she found.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



MIXED FEELINGS: Renelwe

Doc and Lerato engineer Solomon's escape. Lerato pushes for Solomon to sign Red Records over to her. Renelwe has mixed feelings over Bash's implied feelings for her. Sabelo pushes Mapula too hard.



when someone tells me to sit like a lady

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn
December 22 – January 19

This is a great time to work with others. You may be asked to perform or oversee certain tasks today. Your executive abilities are in high focus. This could be an action-filled day when time seems to slow down as you encounter some of your more vulnerable areas.



Aquarius
January 20 – February 18

You value hard work and effort and will go about completing your designated tasks as quickly as possible today. You like to get down to the bare bones—to what is essential. You may find yourself being put to good use by your friends this afternoon. All of this should go rather smoothly.



Pisces
February 19 – March 20

Your inner resources and emotions are accented. This could not only mean you have control over yourself in touchy situations but you can expect a sense of support and goodwill from others. This is a good day to get things done. You have good eye-hand coordination, particularly today. Any sustained effort will make almost any task run well. You may feel like exercising or getting outside from time to time—it would certainly give you a good break.



Aries
March 21 – April 19

Considering that your weekend was so full, this day is welcomed! Accomplishments and the completion of any projects or routine work are anticipated before the day even begins. This afternoon you may enjoy your friends and some light social involvement. Careful—you may find yourself more than a little interested in spending your money.



Taurus
April 20 – May 20

Don't be surprised if you are not in top mental gear; these days occur occasionally. You could find yourself struggling to communicate. Take the time to write a grateful list. Hard words or confusing information or thoughts will not remain in your energy field for long.



Gemini
May 21 – June 21

Everything points to you—moving forward. You could feel great support from those around you as you find a first in the way of accomplishment. Something you did not think you could do will be successfully accomplished. A little smile may appear on your face for the rest of this day. The afternoon is promising for working in groups. Your management abilities shine and you could be asked to organize or supervise some work process.



Cancer
June 22 – July 22

You could discover that you are appreciated for your ability to get things accomplished. Because of this, someone may seek you out for your ideas regarding business matters. You are able to cut through the formalities and get at what is beneath. You possess an architect's vision for what needs to be done and how to do it right to make it last—an expert or true builder.



Leo
July 23 – August 22

You may tend to ignore the law today—watch your speed and fasten your seatbelt. Your sense of direction may need more attention than usual as you seem a bit distracted. You have a way of making yourself known as you are greatly motivated to encourage others and to help whomever to move forward.



Virgo
August 23 – September 22

You could be most persuasive with others today. In a meeting, you will be able to gain the attention of higher-ups and help to make some positive changes in the workplace. Others listen to your views. It is natural for you to put your practical and management abilities to work.



Libra
September 23 – October 23

This is a high-cycle day when you may find yourself signing contracts, making arrangements and scurrying around on time schedules. You may find yourself serving to guide someone younger than you in important matters. You may perceive how to proceed with plans and decisions with regard to your life situation.



Scorpio
October 24 – November 21

You appear perhaps more charming and refined than usual. Now is the best time this month to request a raise, look for a new position, find a job or otherwise make yourself known. Take an opportunity to write out your goals. You have great psychological insight into life problems.



Sagittarius
November 22 – December 21

You may find yourself very appreciative of your career and practical skills. You might enjoy solving puzzles and problems and finding solutions. Be very attentive to times and dates today as there is some possibility of misunderstanding. There is some inner peace and harmony that comes with doing a job successfully but you tend to enjoy teaching others and watching for the success of those you teach.



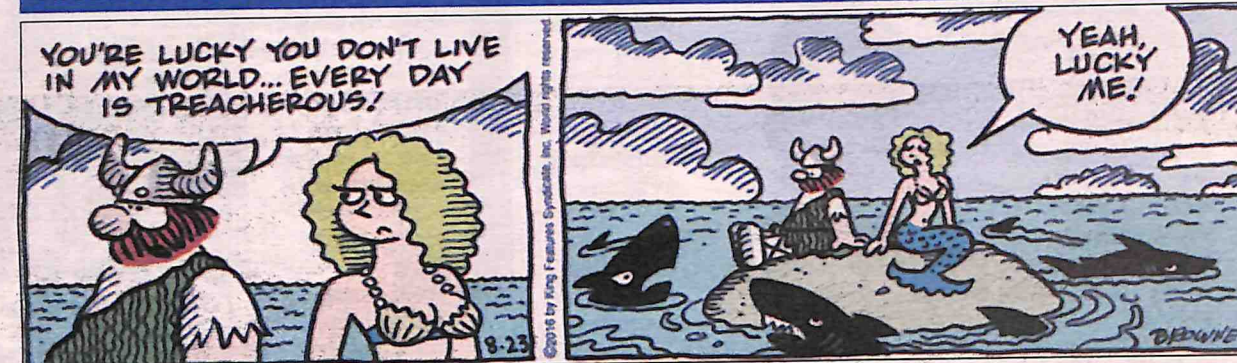
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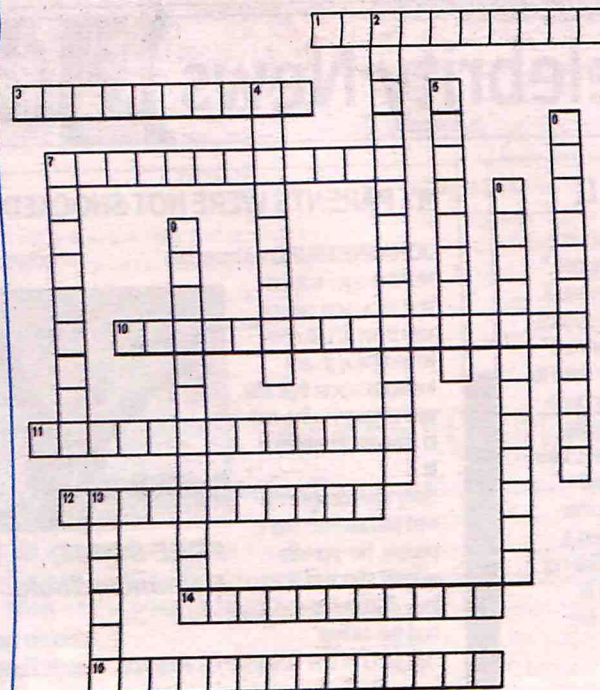
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MOVIE CROSSWORD MENU



ACROSS

- Oskar in the 1993 movie, Schindler's List (4,6)
- Star of the 1957 film, 12 Angry Men (5,5)
- Don Vito Corleone in the 1972 movie, The Godfather (6,6)
- Director of Pulp Fiction (7,9)
- Isla Lund Laszlo in the 1942 film, Casablanca (6,7)
- Bobby Darin in the 2004 movie, Beyond the Sea (5,6)
- Kane in the 1941 classic, Citizen Kane (5,6)
- Director of the 2004 movie, The Aviator (6,8)

DOWN

- Norman in the 1960 movie, Psycho (7,7)
- Ben Affleck was Marvel comic's hero in this 2003 movie (9)
- Daniel Cleaver in the 2004 movie, Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (4,5)
- Clarice Starling in the 1991 movie, The Silence of the Lambs (5,6)
- Dr. Gibbon in the 2003 movie, The Singing Detective (3,6)
- President James Marshall in the 1997 movie, Air Force One (8,4)
- David Callaway in the 2005 movie, Hide and Seek (6,2,4)
- Rapper star of the 2002 movie, 8 Mile (6)



BIRTH CLASS

When our second child was on the way, my wife and I attended a pre-birth class aimed at couples who had already had at least one child. The instructor raised the issue of breaking the news to the older child. It went like this: "Some parents," she said, "tell the older child, 'We

love you so much we decided to bring another child into this family.' But think about that ladies, what if your husband came home one day and said, 'Honey, I love you so much I decided to bring home another wife.' One of the women spoke up immediately. 'Does she cook???'

USELESS FACTS

- 60% of electrocutions occur while talking on the telephone during a thunderstorm.
- The name of the girl on the statue of liberty is Mother of Exiles.
- 3.6 cans of Spam are consumed each second.
- There's a systematic lull in conversation every 7 minutes.
- The buzz from an electric razor in America plays in the key of B flat; Key of G in England.
- There are 1 575 steps from the ground floor to the top of the Empire State building.

BRAinteasers
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BRAIN TEASERS

- What do you call an Amish guy with his hand in a horse's mouth?
Answer: A mechanic.
- What did the Tin Man say when he got run over by a steamroller?
Answer: "Curses! Foil again!"

TODAY'S
BRAinteasers

- How far can a fox run into a grove?
- I travel all over the world, but always stay in my corner. What am I?

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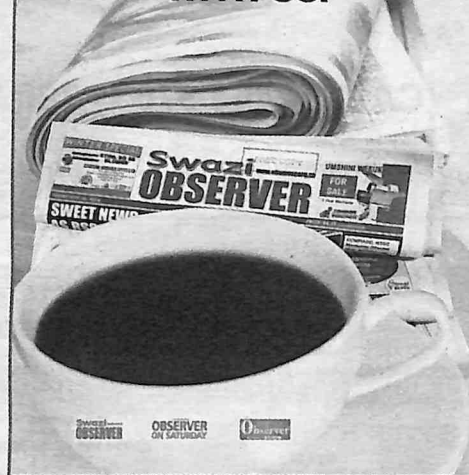
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RUSSIA FAIL TO OVERTURN BAN AT RIO PARALYMPICS

MOSCOW - Russia has failed in an appeal against its exclusion from the Rio Paralympic Games.

The Russian Paralympic Committee (RPC) challenged its suspension, which was imposed by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) on August 7

in the wake of a damning report into the country's state-run doping programme.

However, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) found that the decision was justified, meaning Russia will not be represented in the Games at Rio 2016.

CAS said in a statement: "The Court of Arbitration for Sport has dismissed the appeal filed by the Russian Paralympic Committee against the decision rendered by governing board of the International Paralympic Committee on August 7 2016.

"As a consequence, the IPC decision is confirmed."

IPC president Sir Philip Craven had described a 'medals over morals mentality that disgusts me' when he initially announced that the entire Russian team would be banned from the Paralympics, which runs from September 7-18.

"The complete corruption of the anti-

doping system is contrary to the rules and strikes at the very heart of the spirit of Paralympic sport," Craven added at the time.

"It shows a blatant disregard for the health and well-being of athletes and, quite simply, has no place in Paralympic sport."

"Their thirst for glory at all costs has severely damaged the integrity and image of all sports, and has certainly resulted in a devastating outcome for the Russian Paralympic Committee and Para athletes."

CAS upheld the IPC's blanket ban, ruling that the RPC had failed to provide any evidence which challenged the facts of the initial decision.

The CAS statement continued: "Following revelations related to the doping system in Russia, the IPC governing board suspended the RPC from IPC membership due to its alleged inability to fulfil its responsibilities and obligations to comply with the IPC anti-doping code and the world anti-doping code."

"The CAS panel in charge of this matter found that the IPC did not violate any procedural rule in dealing with the disciplinary process leading to the RPC's suspension and that the decision to ban the RPC was made in

accordance with the IPC rules and was proportionate in the circumstances.

"The panel also noted that the RPC did not file any evidence contradicting the facts on which the IPC decision was based."

Craven's International Olympic Committee (IOC) counterpart Thomas Bach decided against such a tough stance, describing it as 'the nuclear option', and Russia were able to send 278 athletes to Brazil for the Olympics after individual federations were left to rule on eligibility.

The Paralympics' later start date also gave the IPC more time than the IOC to digest Richard McLaren's landmark report for the World Anti-Doping Agency.

McLaren was able to reveal even more cases from Paralympic sport than he listed in his preliminary report, and once the IPC had examined the Canadian's evidence, it was able to see that positive drug tests by 11 Russian athletes were covered up by the Moscow anti-doping laboratory at the behest of the Russian ministry of sport between 2012-15.

A further 18 samples were tampered with at the 2014 Winter Paralympics in Sochi, where Russia won almost half of the gold medals on offer. Craven said McLaren had made it clear that more cases are likely to be unearthed, prompting the IPC to reanalyse every sample from a Russian athlete at the Sochi Games.

Daily Mail

Rio 2016
PARALYMPIC GAMES

Leganes claim historic first La Liga win



CELEBRATING: Victor Diaz.

SPAIN - Victor Diaz scored the only goal as Leganes defeated Celta Vigo 1-0 on Monday in the club's first ever game in the Spanish top flight.

Diaz steered in from a corner on 75 minutes to hand Leganes victory on their La Liga debut, having won promotion to the top tier by finishing runners-up in Spain's second division last season.

Leganes, who were founded in 1928, will host Atletico Madrid at their modest 8 000-seater stadium on the outskirts of the Spanish capital in their first home game next weekend before champions Barcelona visit

next month.

Advantage

Meanwhile, Las Palmas stunned Valencia 4-2 at the Mestalla with Croatian striker Marko Livaja netting a brace in the final game of the opening round of matches in Spain.

Santi Mina headed Valencia into a sixth-minute lead, but Livaja equalised before Jonathan Viera converted a penalty and Kevin-Prince Boateng stretched the visitors' advantage on his Las Palmas debut.

Mina struck again to make it 3-2 after just 34 minutes but Livaja rounded out a famous victory late on.

AFP

Kagawa sparks BVB Cup romp

GERMANY - Japan midfielder Shinji Kagawa scored twice as Borussia Dortmund eased into the second round of the German Cup with a 3-0 victory away to fourth-division Eintracht Trier on Monday.

Kagawa struck with just eight minutes gone before adding a second on the half hour, with close-season signing Andre Schuerrle netting his first goal since arriving from Wolfsburg on the stroke of halftime.

Croatia midfielder Alen Halilovic, who joined from Barcelona last month, grabbed the winning goal for Hamburg as they laboured to a 1-0

win at third-tier Zwickau.

Werder Bremen and newly-promoted RB Leipzig were the only two Bundesliga casualties from the opening round, with defending champions Bayern Munich cruising to a 5-0 demolition of Carl Zeiss Jena on Friday courtesy of a Robert Lewandowski hat-trick.

The draw for the next round of the competition will be made on Friday following the opening game of the Bundesliga season between Bayern and Werder at the Allianz Arena.

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GOLDEN FOOT: Borussia Dortmund player Shinji Kagawa.

Madrid teenager Martin Odegaard sees loan move scuppered

MADRID - Real Madrid teenager Martin Odegaard will not be moving on loan to the Premier League or anywhere outside of Spain.

Rennes sporting director Mikael Silvestre said that, despite making enquiries, they have been told FIFA regulations stipulate players under the age of 18 cannot be loaned out to foreign clubs. West Ham, Hamburg and Bayer Leverkusen had also enquired about a loan for the 17-year-old who has been told by coach Zinedine Zidane to search for experience away from Madrid.

"Odegaard isn't coming this summer due to a question of age. He'll turn 18 in December," Silvestre said to RMC Radio, according to Spanish publication AS.

"Real Madrid don't want to take risks. They're still under the threat of a FIFA penalty, and are awaiting the outcome of an appeal. He can go on loan to another Spanish club, but won't come to Rennes.

Odegaard may now have to revert to Real Madrid's Castilla side.

He has also been left out of the Norway squad for their 2018 World Cup qualifier against Germany and the following friendly against Belarus.

Odegaard, who was nine senior caps for Norway, was instead named in the Under 21 side.

"We selected the squad thinking about the game against Germany," Norway manager Per-Mathias Hogmo said.

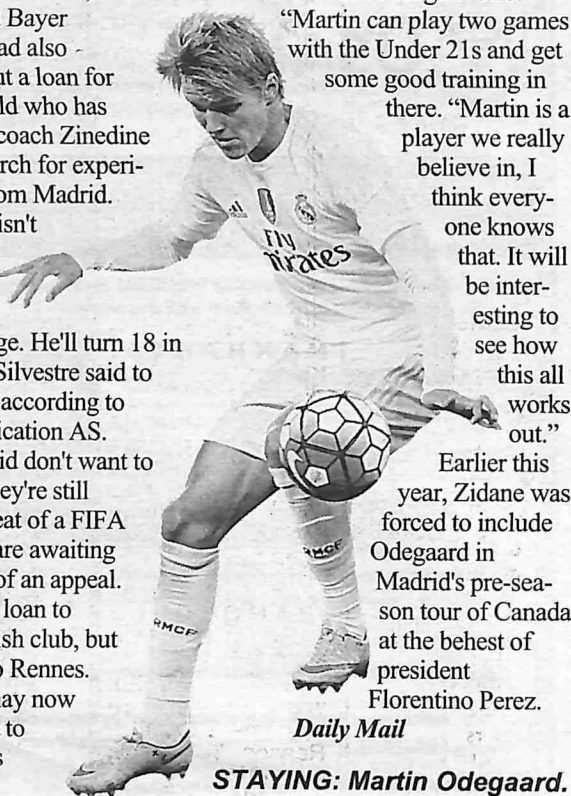
"Martin can play two games with the Under 21s and get some good training in there. "Martin is a

player we really believe in, I think everyone knows that. It will be interesting to see how this all works out."

Earlier this year, Zidane was forced to include Odegaard in Madrid's pre-season tour of Canada at the behest of president Florentino Perez.

Daily Mail

STAYING: Martin Odegaard.



All Blacks expect greater intensity from Wallabies

SYDNEY - New Zealand opened their Rugby Championship campaign with a thumping win over Australia last week but the world champions are bracing for a tough encounter against a wounded Wallabies side determined to salvage their pride on Saturday.

The All Blacks romped to a 42-8 victory in Sydney to quash any notion of a tricky transitional period following the retirement of several

New Zealand greats, with this weekend's encounter in Wellington seen as another big test for Steve Hansen's developing side.

"We just need to put ourselves in their shoes and think about what we would be doing and the edge and intensity we would have at training," All Blacks loose forward Jerome Kaino told New Zealand media yesterday.

"They have had a lot of injuries but even when you look at the guys

who didn't play, they have got a lot of class there. Whoever they put in there is going to have a lot of determination to better their performance," he added.

"I know if that was us, we would be doing everything possible to play a lot better and get a win and that is what we are expecting."

Australia must win to retain any hope of winning back the Bledisloe Cup for the first time since 2003 but Wallabies back-rower David

Pocock has seen little from the new-look All Blacks to suggest they are inferior to last year's World Cup winners.

"It's an incredible side," Pocock said.

"You look at guys like Beauden Barrett and the depth that they have in fly-half, halfback, across the field really, New Zealand is in a really strong position in terms of their depth and you see that with their Super Rugby teams.

"There's no surprises that they've kicked on from last year on the back of the World Cup."

Criticised in the past for following up brilliant performances with mediocre ones, Kaino believes the All Blacks have plenty of motivation to put in a performance at Wellington to match last week's brilliance in Sydney.

"It is all about attitude and mindset," he said. "We have got the mindset that we haven't done anything, that we haven't achieved anything," he added.

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ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



Sturridge forced to pledge

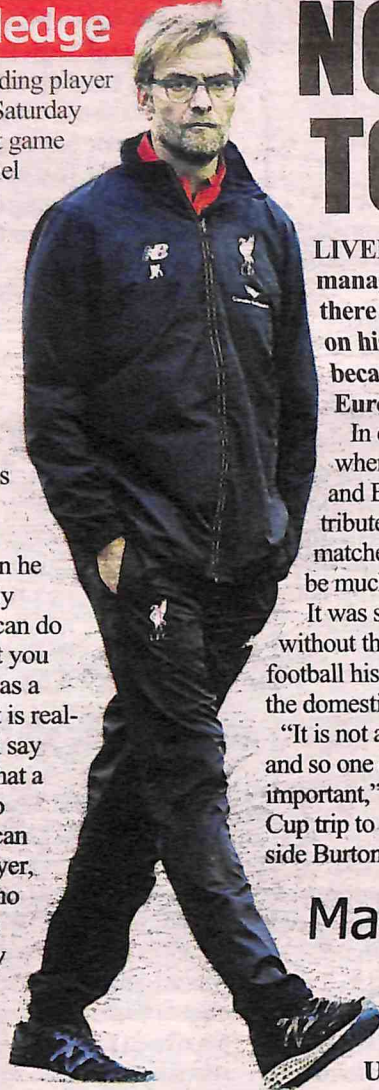
LIVERPOOL - Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has vowed to give striker Daniel Sturridge all the time he needs to regain his form after a slew of injuries in recent seasons.

Sturridge only managed 11 Premier League starts last term and also missed the opening game of this season with injury. He returned to action in the Reds' 2-0 loss to Burnley over the weekend, but his lack of match fitness was evident. However, Klopp is a big fan of the England international and pledged to give him as much time as he needs to get back to his goal-scoring best.

"Daniel is still a very quick player but he's had a lot of injuries in the last few years and a few muscle issues - I have no idea how this exactly changes the mind of a player," the Liverpool manager said.

"He is still on the way back, but he is still an outstanding player, and

even an outstanding player needs rhythm. Saturday was not the best game of football Daniel has ever played but, even in a game like this, he could have scored. "I don't compare him with the younger Daniel Sturridge. He is a really good player with all you need, when he is fit. Obviously there is a bit I can do to help him but you have to accept as a manager that it is really rare you can say 100 percent what a player wants to hear. "What I can say, to any player, is that those who stay in the race and work really hard will get the benefit. That is how it is." *Sport24*



NO GREATER EXPECTATION TO WIN A TROPHY - KLOPP

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp insists there is no greater expectation on his side to win a trophy because of their lack of European football.

In contrast to last season, when runs to the League Cup and Europa League final contributed to a final tally of 63 matches, the Reds' fixture list will be much less congested.

It was suggested to Klopp that without the distraction of European football his side should be targeting the domestic cup competitions.

"It is not about not being in Europe and so one cup is important. This is important," he said ahead of the EFL Cup trip to Sky Bet Championship side Burton.

"How can we be more than 100 per cent ambitious?"

"I know we have never shown a lack of respect to any competition and in this moment I am really optimistic we will find a really good line-up and then we have to perform."

Celebration

"But there is always this kind of pressure whether we are in Europe or not."

Burton manager Nigel Clough, a former Liverpool player, played down the expectations on his own side by saying the game was more of a celebration.

"Obviously there's no such thing as a free game because you want to win and get through but this is as close as it gets for us," said the Brewers boss, who was at Anfield between 1993 and 1996.

"This is a brilliant week for the club,

not a crucial week.

"Ask our supporters. Never in their wildest dreams did they believe they'd be playing teams like this, never mind who we now play in the league week in, week out."

"We are riding the crest of a wave and we're loving every minute of it."

Other ties yesterday include Exeter, struggling at the bottom of the Football League, hosting Premier League joint-leaders Hull, fellow League Two side Cheltenham welcome Newcastle and League One Bristol Rovers travel to Chelsea.

Another League Two side Yeovil head to Goodison Park to face Everton with Northampton hoping to cause an upset at home to Premier League visitors West Brom.

Daily Mail

Man Utd's youth clearout is brutal but necessary

MANCHESTER - For some, this has been a concerning week so far for Manchester United.

The optimism and overwhelming joy pouring from Old Trafford last Friday as Paul Pogba and Zlatan Ibrahimovic starred against Southampton has been curbed somewhat by events which have followed in the transfer market and within the youth ranks. The decision by Jose Mourinho not to introduce Marcus Rashford from the bench for a second successive game already

had some Reds raising their eyebrows, and the subsequent sale of Tyler Blackett to Reading and Cameron Borthwick-Jackson's loan move to Wolves have further concerned those who consider United's youth development as central to the club's future.

Monday's under-23 loss to Southampton at St Mary's caused more ire, with many asking why the likes of Andreas Pereira, Memphis Depay, Rashford and Will Keane were not included. Players who are not getting first-team minutes right now are getting no minutes at all, it seems.

For Rashford in particular the lack of game time is set to have almost

immediate consequences, with England manager Sam Allardyce admitting he can see no justification to call upon last season's

breakout star despite his positive experience at Euro 2016.

"Rashford is not playing now so it makes it harder for me to select him, as exciting as he was last year and how he burst on the scene,"

Allardyce said this week.

"At such a young age, do I say, 'Go and play in the under-21s, get used to international football there, play regularly there and it will help you eventually, hopefully to break into the Manchester United team and then break into the England senior team'? You've got all those scenarios to consider."

Daily Mail



Hart willing to stay at Man City

MANCHESTER - Hart has been cast aside by Guardiola, who has identified that the England stopper lacks the required skill set to be a No.1 in his City team.

The new boss prefers a goalkeeper who is more comfortable in possession of the ball and the Spaniard has preferred Willy Caballero to Hart in City's opening Premier League and Champions League matches.

City are closing in on the signing of Claudio Bravo

from Barcelona, which would relegate Hart to the status of third-choice keeper.

Guardiola has said that he would not stand in Hart's way should he decide to quit City but, according to The Guardian, the 29-year-old is prepared to stick around at Eastlands because he is yet to receive a satisfactory offer.

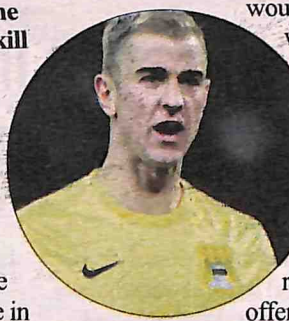
"Despite facing the prospect of being third choice at City behind Willy Caballero and Claudio Bravo, if the Chilean signs from Barcelona as expected, and therefore not even being

in match-day squads, there is currently no option for him to move which appeals to him."

Everton were believed to be interested in taking Hart but the Daily Mail says the Toffees have backed off due to the £7million cost of taking the goalkeeper on loan for the season.

Hart understands that his inactivity may put his England place in danger, a prospect that was discussed by Sam Allardyce on Monday, but the Premier League title winner would prefer to take a long-term view towards deciding his next club.

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Leicester still in the market for players

LEICESTER - Leicester City vice chairman Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha reveals the club is prepared to continue spending money if they find players to improve their squad.

The Foxes lost N'Golo Kante to Chelsea during the off-season, but have strengthened their squad with five signings, including striker Ahmed Musa, midfielder Nampalys Mendy, goalkeeper Ron-Robert Zieler, defender Luis Hernandez and winger Bartosz Kapustka.



Additionally, the club has managed to tie down key players Jamie Vardy and Riyad Mahrez with new long-term contracts in the face of intense interest in both players from clubs around England and Europe. "Several of our players made long-term commitments to the club during the summer months and I'm delighted," Srivaddhanaprabha told the Leicester Mercury.

"I'm already excited by the strength and vibrancy of the squad and we are ready to make further investments if the right opportunities arise."

Leicester opened their Premier League with a disappointing 2-1 loss to Hull City, but managed to pick up their first point of the season over the weekend by battling to a 0-0 draw with fellow title hopefuls Arsenal. They welcome Swansea to the King Power Stadium on Saturday, looking to pick up their first win of the season and kick-start their title defence.

Sport24

'Mustafi is not for sale'

SPAIN - Valencia manager **Pako Ayestaran** has dampened speculation that defender **Shkodran Mustafi** will be joining English Premier League side **Arsenal**.

Arsenal are in the midst of a defensive crisis after long-term injuries to Gabriel and Per Mertesacker, leading to calls from the fans to invest in reinforcements before the end of the transfer window.

Germany international Mustafi was said to be manager Arsene Wenger's number one transfer target but the Frenchman baulked at the £43m release clause the Spanish side insisted on.

"Mustafi is not for sale and he will stay at Valencia. The market is open and there are still possibilities," Ayestaran said in a press conference after their 4-2 loss against Las Palmas on Monday. The former Everton trainee's absence in the fixture drove speculation in the British media but the Spaniard insists it was down to lack of match fitness and not an impending transfer. His stance with striker Paco Alcacer, who's been linked with La Liga champions Barcelona, was the same, with Los Che looking to move forward and not sell their most prized assets.

Daily Mail

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TENDER NO.03 OF 2016/2017
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3. A valid Labour Compliance Certificate
4. A valid Tax Clearance Certificate
5. A valid tender surety worth E10 000.00
6. A valid certification of registration with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council
7. Details of proposed Joint Venture Agreement
8. Signed Site Inspection Certificate

Tender documents will be available from 8 am on Wednesday 24th of August 2016 and may be collected from:

The Engineer
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5. A valid tender surety worth E10000.00
6. A valid certification of registration with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council
7. Details of proposed Joint Venture Agreement
8. Signed Site Inspection Certificate

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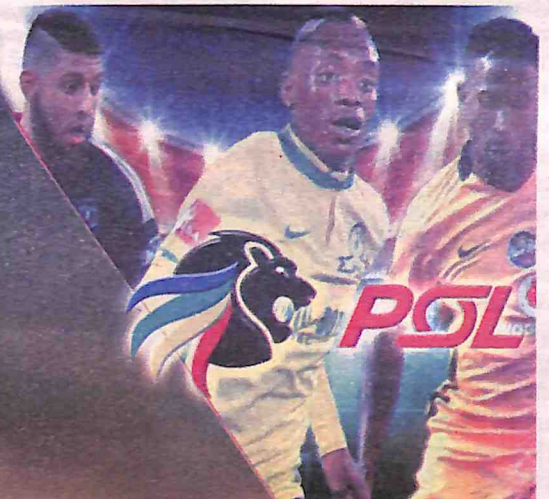
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New Arrows signing denies Chiefs interest

JOHANNESBURG - Kudakwashe Mahachi was quoted this week saying he never spoke to Chiefs.

"I don't know where the Chiefs rumours came from because my agent never told me about joining them, so it is all just rumours," the 22-year-old Zimbabwean was quoted as saying in *Isolezwe*.

Mahachi was reportedly on Amakhosi's wanted list but the move failed as he was still contracted to Mamelodi Sundowns at the time. He has since moved to Arrows permanently.

Citizen



DENIES: Joseph Molongoane.

Chippa United accused of fraud

JOHANNESBURG - Chippa United have been accused of corruption after they announced that want-away midfielder Joseph Molongoane had extended his contract with them.

The 26-year-old player has disputed signing an extension with Chippa and has since lodged a complaint with the Premier Soccer League's Dispute Resolution Chamber.

Molongoane is believed to have signed a pre-contract with Kaizer Chiefs.

He made headlines in May when he was chased away from the Chippa dressing-room ahead of their game against Amakhosi at FNB after it emerged he had signed the pre-contract.

Molongoane trained with Chiefs for a while last month but has since left and is said to be training on his own.

Citizen

ERTUGRAL TARGETS THREE POINTS IN LEAGUE OPENER

JOHANNESBURG - Ertugral has been applying the final touches to his side's preparations ahead of his first taste of competitive action when Pirates host Arrows at the Orlando Stadium this evening evening.

The Turkish tactician says he is aware of the responsibility he has to get the Buccaneers' campaign off to a winning start.

"Well I don't take any team lightly; we respect all our opposition and we are aware that the match against Arrows will be a tough one," Ertugral told his club's website.

"A team of Orlando Pirates' calibre has to start very well so we will definitely be on the hunt for all three points tomorrow."

Having joined the club on



their pre-season preparations just over a month ago, the former Kaizer Chiefs mentor explains that there are still some adjustments being made, but is confident in the team's preparations thus far.

Changes

"There are areas where there are a lot of changes, and through these changes the team will have different patterns of play and organisation through the different aspects of the game, so the boys will have to adjust to all these elements constant-

ly," he added.

"But, nonetheless, I think we have prepared very well, especially over the last camp, which was vital to show us where we stand."

Though Ertugral has also rued the absence of new signing Abubakar Mobara, who is set to miss their opening clash due to suspension.

Kick Off

Moroka Swallows yet to register for ABC Motsepe League

JOHANNESBURG - Swallows were relegated to South African second division following a dismal campaign in National First Division last season, in which they ended bottom of the log.

The Dube Birds' attempt to make a come-back to the PSL, via the purchase of Free State Stars, fell through as

Gauteng Education MEC Panyaza Lesufi and his consortium failed to complete the deal ahead of the deadline provided by the league.

Meanwhile, according to a source close to the Soweto-based club, there have been signs of new owners taking over reigns despite Lesufi recently being in the forefront and announcing

changes at the club through the media.

"As we speak, the club is yet to go and register in the ABC Motsepe league", said the source.

"There has never been any meetings, and the club has not had pre-season training. We don't know what the future holds for the club."

Kick Off

'Why I snubbed Chiefs, Pirates to join Sundowns'

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder Thapelo Morena is under no illusion of what is expected from him at the club.

Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates

were also interested in signing the now former Bloemfontein Celtic ace.

In the end Morena decided to join Sundowns; stating their good run of form under Pitso Mosimane as the main reason for him choosing Chloorkop.

"I chose Sundowns because of the style of play and mostly because they are collecting titles," Morena is quoted as saying by The

Sowetan.

"Chiefs and Pirates [were interested]. I spoke to my agent because he was the one talking to them. I chose Sundowns."

The South Africa U23 international revealed that it was not an easy decision to leave Siwelele, having formed an integral part of Serame Letsoaka's plans over the past season.

Goal.com

'Morena's departure a blessing in disguise'

BLOEMFONTEIN - Bloemfontein Celtic managed to secure two wingers Khethokwakhe Masuku and Deon Hotto

as Thapelo Morena's exit now serves as a blessing in disguise. The speedy winger has just joined the PSL champions in a lucrative move five-year deal, and it appears that Celtic won't miss him according to his former teammate Ndengane.

"It's more like a blessing in disguise for us when now

Thapelo has left us.

We signed some good wingers with lots of experience and if you check Hotto and Thapelo is almost the same player," Ndengane told Goal.

The versatile player further adds that the Mhlakeng-born's departure is not a train-smash given the availability of Masuku and Hotto in their midst.

"So now if you check Thapelo has left and we managed to get another two experienced wingers with Masuku and Hotto," he said.

Goal.com

Masuku feeling at home with Chippa

JOHANNESBURG - Former Orlando Pirates midfielder Menzi Masuku has finally confirmed his move from the Soweto giants to Chippa United.

The South African U23 international has been unveiled at the Port Elizabeth outfit, following his arrival in the Eastern Cape from Gauteng.

The Chilli Boys took to their official Twitter account to confirm the player's arrival at the club.

"I am excited to be here and received a warm welcome from the Chairman. I'm already feeling at home," - Menzi Masuku said.

Chippa Chairman confirmed signing Masuku last month already when he told the Siya crew that the player's move to his club was a permanent deal.

Following the player's return from the Olympic Games in Brazil, Dan Malesela's club confirmed that Masuku has been signed on a three-year deal from Pirates.

The talented player has since arrived at the club and has been handed jersey number 41, as he prepares to dazzle football fans in the Eastern Cape with his silky skills with the ball.

SoccerLaduma

I'm still learning - Dolly

PRETORIA - "For me learning will never end, and that is why I am grateful that I played my part in the Rio Olympics because it was another learning curve for me," said Dolly.

Dolly is a product of the South African Football School of Excellence - he got his break in professional football in 2014 before a transfer rollercoaster ride, which saw the lethal winger moving back and forth between Sundowns and Ajax Cape Town since 2011. However, the Amaglug-glug skipper says it has been a learning curve ever since.

"I have been learning since the first day that I played football, and now ... every game that I play, I am learning more."

Regardless of being arguably South Africa's most valuable player at the moment, the national Under-23 captain and key player for the senior men's and his club Sundowns, says he always looks to improve his game.

"It is the same here at Sundowns ... I learn in every game that I play, and I will continue learning, and that helps me develop and improve my game," he added. *Citizen*



STILL LEARNING: Keagan Dolly.

JOHANNESBURG - Team South Africa returned yesterday with their best Olympics haul since isolation and equalling the 10 medals from Antwerp (1920) and Helsinki (1952).

At the press conference shortly after their arrival, Sports Minister Fikile Mbalula announced that his administration had decided to reward the medal earners with extra cash. He jokingly called himself 'Razzmatazz and Mr Christmas' even though it's unclear what the source of the funding is: taxpayers or sponsors. Wayde van Niekerk would get R150 000 for a new world record in the 400m and Caster Semenya had another R100 000 slapped on for getting gold in her 800m run.

The silver medallists could expect an extra R70 000, while the bronze winners would get an additional R50 000 each.

Prior to this, the official amounts they were already promised were as follows:

- R400 000 Wayde van Niekerk (plus R100 000 to the coach)
- R400 000 Caster Semenya (plus R100 000 to the coach)
- R400 000 Chad le Clos (plus R100 000 to the coach)
- R200 000 Cameron van der Burgh (plus R50 000 to the coach)
- R200 000 Luvo Manyonga (plus R50 000 to the coach)
- R200 000 Sunette Viljoen (plus R50 000 to the coach)
- R200 000 Shaun Keeling and Lawrence Brittain (plus R50 000 to the coach)
- R80 000 Henri Schoeman (plus R20 000 to the coach)
- R80 000 Rugby Sevens (plus R20 000 to the coach)

Here's how all the medal earners stack up.

THE TOP 10 PERFORMERS

1 Wayde van Niekerk (400m)

You don't upstage Usain Bolt on a night he is running an Olympic final. From Beijing 2008 to London 2012 to Rio 2016, the great Jamaican has been the show-stopper, winning unprecedented 100/200/4x100m sprint trebles. But on the evening that he took in some sightseeing on his way to another 100m gold, Van Niekerk stole the man's thunder in the 400m. The South African had found himself isolated in lane eight, and while he was a gold medal favourite in the eyes of many, what no-one foresaw was that he'd lower Michael Johnson's 17-year-old world record. Van Niekerk catapulted out of the blocks and led the field a merry dance, but the race really started coming off the final bend with 100m to go. Suddenly, Van Niekerk found another gear, drawing away from the chasers that included Kirani James and LaShawn Merritt. Bolt, watching in the ready room, could hardly believe what he was seeing. Van Niekerk stopped the clock in 43.03sec – and looked like he had more in the tank had he been challenged. The world has found Bolt's successor.

2 Caster Semenya (800m)

She came to Rio as one of the hottest favourites in these Olympics, but against the backdrop of debate as to whether or not her gender 'status' and 'history' made it fair to allow her

to run against women. Semenya however, is not the naive 18-year-old she was when winning the world title in 2009. She is now a woman at peace with herself and the world and she came to Rio to run. And run for that gold medal. Nothing else mattered. Going through the heat and the semi-final she reiterated that it was gold she was looking for, not records. Semenya took everything in her stride and did what she had come to do. It was no surprise that she won South Africa's second gold medal, but she conducted herself with class and dignity, on and off the track.

3 Akani Simbine (100m)

You might wonder what a non-medallist is doing so high on the list. Well, Simbine stands on the brink of huge things. It was only in Slovenia last July that the 22-year-old broke 10 seconds for the first time, being the second South African to achieve the feat. He has now lowered the national record to 9.89 and finished fifth in the Olympic final in Rio, clocking 9.94, after a 9.98 in the semi-final. In the space of a year, he has now gone under 10 seconds six times. Simbine was right on the heels of the medallists in that final in Rio. Usain Bolt cantered home in 9.81, who Justin Gatlin won silver in 9.89. Canada's Andre de Grasse claimed bronze in 9.91 and Yohan Blake was fourth in 9.93. Simbine was three-hundredths of a second off the bronze medal. Consider that Bolt, Gatlin and Blake won't be at Tokyo 2020 and you can see that Simbine is dining at the top table of men's 100m sprinting. It's a mouth-watering prospect. Plus, Athletics SA should have selected him for the 200m. He would have won a medal in Rio.

4 Luvo Manyonga (Long Jump)

It's a well-documented story that Manyonga has had a rough journey these past four years. He has turned his life around after serving a ban for recreational drugs and is now an

inspiration to many other troubled youngsters in the township of Mbekweni, outside Paarl. A former world junior champion, Manyonga had arrived in Rio as an outsider, but on a memorable Saturday night, he produced an 8.37m leap into the sand that seemed certain to hand him the gold medal. Then, with a final jump of his own, the USA's Jeff Henderson went one centimetre further. That's all that separated gold from silver. "There were thousands of those 'demons' on my journey from 2012, but they didn't catch me," Manyonga said of the long road that he has travelled. Now still only 25, he's eyeing world championship gold next year.

5 Chad le Clos (200m Freestyle)

Before the Games started, Le Clos was a 25-1 outsider for gold in this event. He had been better fancied in the butterfly events, where he picked up two medals in London. Le Clos, however, had shown good early speed in getting through to the finals, where he drew lane one. Again, he flew off the blocks and into the lead, building a commanding advantage over the field as they went through 50m and then 100m. He still led at the 150m mark, before he was eventually hunted down by China's Yang Sun. Le Clos stopped the clock in an African record 1:45.20 and gave reason to expect him to become a force in freestyle sprinting going forward.

6 Cameron van der Burgh (100m Breaststroke)

Van der Burgh had come to Rio as the reigning Olympic gold medallist from London 2012. But, he hadn't arrived as the gold medal favourite. That accolade fell to the brilliant young Adam Peaty. The Brit broke the world record in the heats (57.55), with Van der Burgh qualifying seventh. Peaty was again under 58 seconds in the semi, with the South African third fastest. In the final, Peaty blazed his way to another world record (57.13) but Van der

Burgh swam one of the bravest races of his life to take silver in 58.69. "It was more a mental thing than a physical thing," the 28-year-old South African second. Indeed it was, with Van der Burgh having to dig deep into his reservoir of reserves to hold off a charging pack.

7 Henri Schoeman (Triathlon)

The brother of 2012 swimming Olympian Riaan, wrote his name into the history books by winning South Africa's first ever Games triathlon medal when he took bronze. It would have felt like a gold, considering he led the field in chasing home the dominant Brownlee brothers, Alastair and Jonathan, of Great Britain. Schoeman's strength, they said, was his swimming, while his 'weakness' was his running. Well, he climbed out of the water in seventh position and got on the bike where he formed one of a breakaway of 10 riders. Fellow South African Richard Murray was considered the better medal candidate but he was caught 54sec behind after the swim and fell further back on the cycle. Schoeman swapped cycling shoes for running shoes and quickly made third spot his own. That's where he stayed, holding on to bronze on the Copacabana ahead of a charging Murray who completed his 10km run in 30min 34sec, eventually ending within seven seconds of Schoeman.

8 Chad le Clos (100m Butterfly)

Le Clos won silver to add to the silver he picked up in London. However, that doesn't tell the story of the effort. Young Singapore speedster Joseph Schooling raced to gold, with Le Clos, Michael Phelps and László Cseh all being awarded the silver medal in an extraordinary three-way tie for second. The naked eye seemed to think that Le Clos had touched fourth; happily, for him and for his army of supporters the official scoreboard declared otherwise. It was important for the South African

to bounce back after a 200m butterfly had gone horribly wrong, the swimmer calling it the 'worst performance' of his career. In that race, he had finished fourth, out of the medals as Phelps made a telling statement after a much-publicised taunting of him in the ready room before the semi-final had gone viral.

9 Shaun Keeling and Lawrence Brittain (Men's Pair)

Rowing brought five boats to Rio and qualified for the finals with all of them, a fabulous conversion rate for a sport that produced a gold medal at London 2012. In fact, it was one of those in the Men's Four – Matthew Brittain – who came to watch his younger brother on the big stage. Lawrence had recovered from Hodgkin's Disease (cancer of the lymph nodes) and he and Keeling were determined to fly the national flag for rowing the highest. Theirs was an emotional silver, and it also marked the first time South African siblings have won Olympic medals. In rowing, no less. Keeling had finished fifth with Ramon Di Clemente in Beijing in 2008 but went a couple of places higher here.

10 Sunette Viljoen (Women's Javelin)

Viljoen made amends for the disappointment in London when she was the world leader but finished fourth with a 64.53m opening throw. The medals were decided with 69.55, 65.16 and 64.91. In Rio, Viljoen opened with a 64.92m and that was leading the competition until Sarah Kolak pulled a 66.18m out the bag. Competition behind that was stiff, with 32cm covering second place to fifth place. Fortunately for Viljoen, the former national cricketer (17 ODIs and 1 Test), had the javelin gods smiling down on her. Afterwards, she was overjoyed and set her sights on next year's world championship. "I want to be world champion ... champion of the whole world," she said.

Best of the best

Chad Ho almost made my top 10. The South African's swim was a lot better than the result (10th) suggested. He finished five seconds behind the gold medallist and 2.8 seconds behind the silver medallist after 10km of open water swimming. He had come through the field strongly, largely unnoticed as he went through the 2.5km split in 14th, 5km in 19th and 7.5km in 20th. Then, inside the last 1km, Ho let it all hang out and he was gaining on the leaders in eye-catching fashion. Had he been slightly handier in the earlier stages, Ho could have come home with a medal.

Medallists

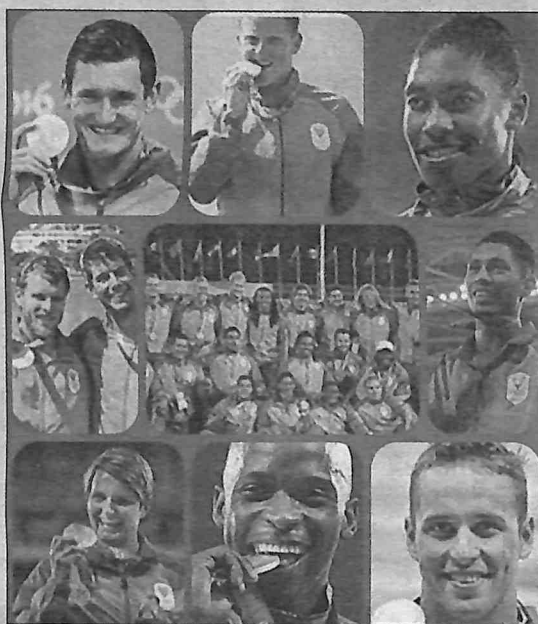
- **GOLD:** Wayde van Niekerk (Men's 400m), Caster Semenya (Women's 800m)
- **SILVER:** Chad le Clos (Men's 200m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly), Cameron van der Burgh (Men's 100m Breaststroke), Luvo Manyonga (Men's Long Jump), Sunette Viljoen (Women's Javelin), Shaun Keeling and Lawrence Brittain (Men's Pair)
- **BRONZE:** Henri Schoeman (Triathlon), Rugby Sevens

CASTER SEMENYA GETS R400 000 FOR RIO GOLD

...as Mbalula calls himself 'Mr Christmas'

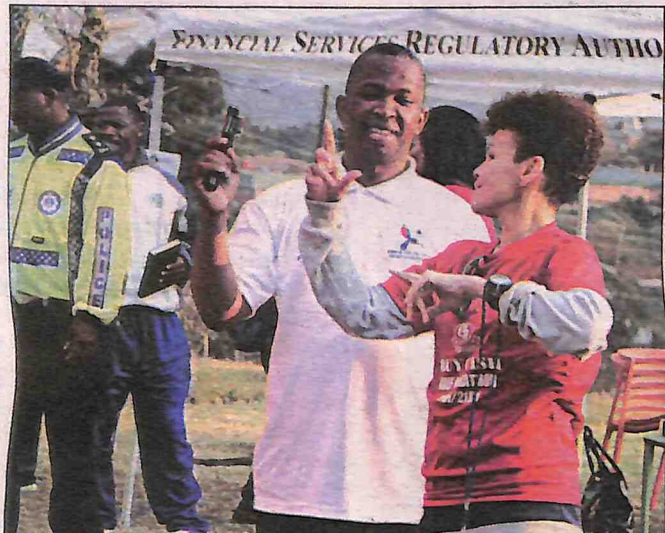
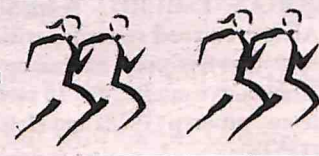


MR CHRISTMAS: Sports Minister Fikile Mbalula.





— Buy Cash 21/10 km race —



LET ME SHOW YOU: Tokky Hou shows Pigg's Peak MP and Minister of Tourism Jabulani Mabuza how to hold the gun at the starting point of the Buy Cash 21/10 km race at Gobolondlo on Saturday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



WELL DESERVED: The minister posing with some of the participants.



ENTHUSIASTS: Golden Foot athletes ascending the hill.



YOUNG AT HEART: FA executive member Elphas Ngcamphalala's children showing off their medals.



OFF WE GO: Some of the athletes who participated.



COMPETITIVE RACE: Winner of the 21km race Michael Ndaba flanked by runners-up Mduduzi Ngubane and Melusi Sihlongonyane.



A GOOD DAY'S WORK: The minister, Pigg's Peak Deputy Mayor Sizwe Themba posing with Golden Foot Club's Sifiso Mdluli and Tokky Hou.



FIT: Minister Mabuza (c) with Golden Foot's Tokky Hou and Gideon Mthembu competing in the 10km race.



HAPPY DAY: Golden Foot Club members having fun.



WELL DONE: Mabuza receiving his medal from Hou.

NDABA'S CORNER



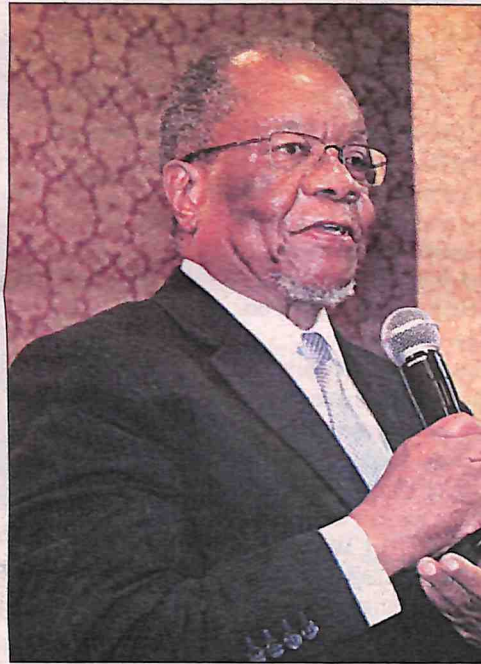
THE BEST: Winner of the race, Michael Ndaba, crosses the finishing line.



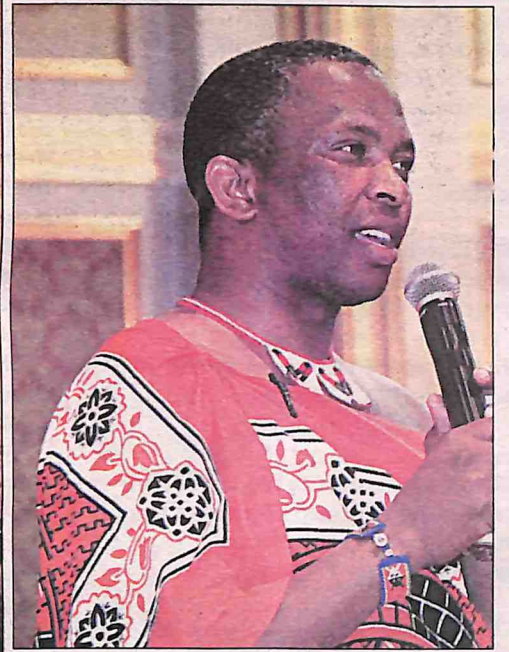
KING'S GOLF CUP



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III addressing the gathering during the presentation of sponsorships towards the King's Golf Cup at Lozitha Palace on Monday night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



PRESENT: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini and Minister of Tourism Jabulani Mabuza making their remarks.



ALL YOURS: His Majesty being presented with a cheque by MTN Swaziland's CEO Ambrose Dlamini, Yvonne Capel and Phumla Motsa.



YOUR MAJESTY: His Majesty receiving a cheque from SPTC MD Petros Dlamini, who was joined by Nqobile Magagula, Board Chairman Simon Mthunzi and the company's Secretary Bongani Mtshali.



ALL SMILES: Nedbank's Head of Strategy Marketing and Corporate Affairs Lomkhosi Dlamini and the bank's representative in the King's Cup Committee George Falcomer presenting to the King.



PRESENT: A section of the people from different companies and organisations who were at the palace.



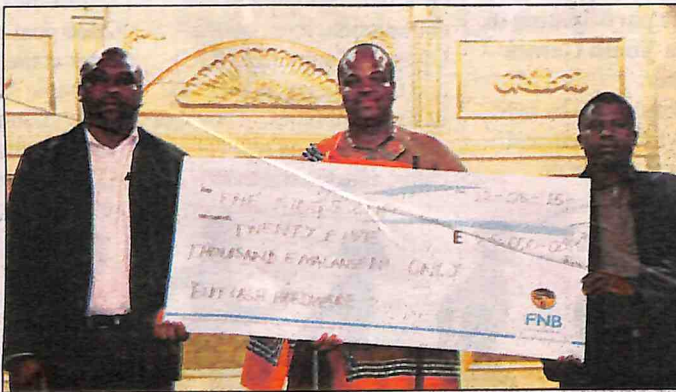
FIT FOR A KING: The King flanked by Royal Swazi Sun's Sales and Marketing Manager Babsy Mavuso and General Manager Phinley Vilakati.



GIVING BACK: SRIC Assistant General Manager Mandla Dlamini and Marketing Manager Sizwe Shongwe also donated to the King.



MBUBE: PSPF Director of Corporate Affairs Elkan Makhanya and Finance Director FJ Mabuza presenting to the King.



IN IT TOO: Buy Cash representatives, Manager Senzo Nhlabatsi and Marketing Officer Njabulo Matse handing over their contribution on behalf of the company.



CONTRIBUTION: His Majesty receiving a donation from Build It Mbabane, represented by Eugene Meyer.

football talk

all your latest world football news

● England boss Sam Allardyce has not ruled out a return to international football for Chelsea defender John Terry, 35.
(Guardian)



● Manchester United striker Marcus Rashford, 18, is set to be dropped from Allardyce's first England squad and demoted to the Under-21s after not playing in his side's first two Premier League games.
(Daily Express)

● Everton have been put off making a move for Manchester City keeper Joe Hart because of the combined £7m cost of the loan fee and wages.
(Daily Mail)

● Chelsea have told Napoli they will not increase their offer for Senegalese defender Kalidou Koulibaly, 25, with their last bid worth £40m.
(Daily Telegraph)

● Barcelona goalkeeper Claudio Bravo, 33, is due to finalise his move to Manchester City on Thursday and trigger Joe Hart's exit from the club.
(Sky Sports)

● Barcelona will turn to Ajax keeper Jasper Cillessen, 27, as a replacement for Bravo in a £10.35m move.
(Marca)

● Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp is open to allowing 26-year-old centre-back Mamadou Sakho to leave the club on loan to regain his match sharpness.
(Guardian)



● Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho wants to sign Southampton centre-back Jose Fonte for about £12m but has been told he must offload some of the club's big earners.
(Sun)

● West Brom are unwilling to sell defender Jonny Evans, 28, to Arsenal for anything less than £25m.
(Daily Telegraph)

● Baggies boss Tony Pulis has targeted a move for Sporting Lisbon forward Islam Slimani, 28.
(Daily Star)

● Inter Milan have opened talks with Newcastle United for midfielder Moussa Sissoko, 27.
(TalkSport)

● Arsenal have inquired about Monaco's Congolese defender Marcel Tisserand, with Espanyol also hoping to sign the 23-year-old.
(Daily Mirror)

● Brazil forward Gabriel Barbosa is being chased by Manchester United, Chelsea and Leicester - and the 19-year-old Santos player is now ready to make a decision on his future after winning gold at the Rio Olympics.
(Daily Express)

MANZINI WANDERERS ARE MRFA U-17 CHAMPS

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - MANZINI
Wanderers are champions of the Manzini Regional Football Association (MRFA) U-17 tournament after beating Red Lions 1-0 in the finals at Zakhele Sports Ground on Sunday.

MRFA Junior secretary Muzi Mtsetfwa congratulated the team for their achievement.

"We had a successful tournament which started three weeks ago where we saw more than 10 teams taking part. We want to congratulate Wanderers for winning the tournament." He also congratulated Player of the Tournament Linda Msibi and urged Premier League teams to watch-out for this youngster. "He is a star in the making and I must say that he is destined for greater



CHAMPS: NFAS TD Bizzah Mkhonta awarding medals to Wanderers players.

heights. Wanderers beat Seven Stars 2-0 to book their ticket to the finals while Red Lions beat God's Property 3-0. The losers' finals saw Stars winning 5-3 on penalties." The games were attended by National Football of

Swaziland Technical Director Bhekisisa 'Bizzah' Mkhonta and MRFA TD Anthony Mdluli.

He also thanked the former Manzini Wanderers player Mbazo Gamedze for helping them throughout the tournament.

THE RESULTS:

Semi finals

Wanderers 2 Seven Stars 0

Red Lions 3 God's Property 0

Losers' finals

God's Property 2 Seven Stars 2

(Stars won 5-3 on penalties)

Finals

Wanderers 1 Red Lions 0

"Gamedze has been assisting us since the tournament started. He helped in organising the games and without his involvement the tournament would not have been a success. We also want to thank supporters, who came in their numbers to rally behind their respective teams."

Mtsetfwa further urged teams to buckle-up for the upcoming juniors' league. "Teams should prepare themselves as the juniors' league will start soon in the Manzini region."

SWABA to use Palaistra for Region 5 preps

By Sibusiso Masilela

BOXING - THE Swaziland Boxing Association will use the Mavuso Palaistra Centre as their training base to prepare for upcoming Region 5 Games to be staged in Angola in December.

The centre will be used by the Under-19 squad led by Muzi Shongwe. SWABA Secretary Thabisile Mongometulu said they would soon go for a mini-camp aimed at assessing the boxers ahead of the international youth games.

"We have been granted the permission to use the Palaistra Centre where the Angola bound team will hold their training sessions. I would like to thank the centre for the kind gesture." She said they would soon announce the dates and other logistics of the camp. Mngometulu said they would also stage two tournaments in the Shiselweni and Lubombo regions where they would be scouting new talent. She further said they were currently engaged on a national outreach programme aimed at reviving the sport

in all four corners of the country. "We want to give every Swazi citizen an opportunity to take part in the sport and showcase their talent and further represent the country at international level. We hope to get all the necessary support when we visit the different communities," Mngometulu said. SWABA recently held a boxing tournament which was attended by over 200 fans at Ezulwini Catholic Primary School. Boxing stables in the likes of New Boys, Zebras, Simunye and Mhlume among others took part in the tournament.

SOCGA to hold workshop for local athletes

By Sabelo Majola

SPORTS - THE Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA) will host an 'Athletes Commission Workshop' for all athletes and those, who will be participating in the Angola Youth Games in December.

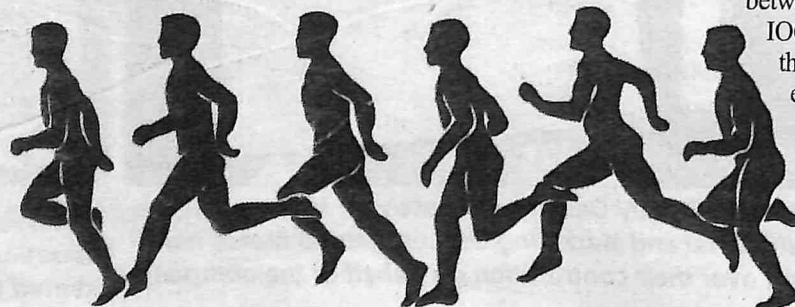
The workshop will be held at OlympAfrica Sports and Development Centre on

September 4, starting at 9am until 4pm. The theme of the workshop is 'The subject of discussion is advocacy and education on the promotion of the athletes and athletes' empowerment in career transition'. Athletes will be taught on topics that include clear understanding of the commission, International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the association itself and its responsibilities. They will also be taught on roles of clubs, athletes and their

responsibilities, anti-doping, sports development and high performance. An analysis on local athletes' needs will be conducted and recommendations forwarded.

About the Athletes Commission:

The commission seeks to reflect the Olympic Agenda 2020 goal of placing the athletes at the heart of the Olympic Movement and strengthening the support to athletes, the Athletes' Commission serves as a link between athletes and the IOC. The mission of the Commission is to ensure that the athletes' viewpoint remains at the heart of the Olympic Movement decisions.



Real Masters win All out Africa U-10 tournament

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - REAL Masters were over the weekend crowned champions of the E5 000 sponsored All out Africa tournament after beating Ezulwini Aces 1-0 at Lobamba Sports Ground.

Hhohho Regional Football Association Development Officer Sibonangaye Dlamini said the tournament was a huge success. "Over 200 kids flooded the venue to witness their favourite teams battle it out in the one-day tournament. A total of 12 teams participated in the tournament that started at 8:30am. Real Masters beat Gunners 2-1 in the semifinals to book a spot in the finals which they won 1-0 against Ezulwini Aces. Vicious Lions lost 3-5 to Aces in the other semifinals match. The losers' finals saw Gunners beating down Vicious Lions 1-0 to earn a bronze medal. Dlamini said they were impressed with the standard of play in the tournament such that they were considering forming an Under-10 league this season. "The sponsor was impressed with the attendance and the talent amongst the youngsters. They promised to continue sponsoring the tournament even next year." He said they were grateful to All Out Africa for ensuring the development of football at grassroots level. "We want to also thank the parents, who also came to watch their kids play in this tournament," Dlamini said. The champions received a trophy and gold medals while runners-up got silver medals with third placed teams getting bronze medals.

THE RESULTS:

Semi-Finals			
Real Masters	2	Gunners	1
Vicious Lions	3	Ezulwini Aces	5
Losers' finals			
Gunners	1	Vicious Lions	0
Finals			
Real Masters	1	Ezulwini Aces	0

MIDAS CITY HIT BY KEY PLAYER DEPARTURES

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - MIDAS City are nursing their wounds after the departure of their two experienced players in Siboniso 'Jomo' Maseko and Phephisani Msibi.

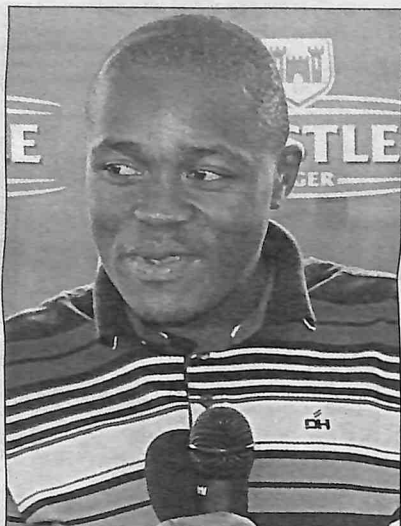
The duo was not part of the team during the recent Castle Premier Castle where City lost 1-3 to Mbabane Swallows at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

'Jomo' left the club to join National First Division Vovovo while Msibi is currently enjoying game time at Royal Leopard.

Midas City PRO Guy Magongo said they were crippled by the players' departures.

"We are still trying to come to terms with life without them but the good thing is that we also signed good players."

He said taking opportunities was good for players at times but they left a huge gap in the team.



CRIPPLED: Midas City PRO Guy Magongo.

"If they were still with us, I believe our result against Swallows would have been a different story altogether. We played very well but we lacked experience and fighting power," Magongo said.

He said they were happy with the way the new players had settled in the team.

"We have a good squad and it's only that the players need to get used to each other."

The coach and his technical bench will see to it that the new players are not put under pressure seeing that some of them are from the regional leagues."

He also revealed that they had signed Mpofu High School goalkeeper Khanyakwezwe Simelane after impressing during the Copa Coca-Cola Schools tournament.

Simelane attracted the interest of Premier League teams during the schools games.

"He is our player now and I am happy we beat Wanderers and Leopard, who were

also after his services," he said.



'Talos' Tfwala rejoins Sea Birds

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MANZINI Sea Birds are on the verge of signing striker Mbongeni 'Talos' Tfwala from rivals Manzini Wanderers.

The lanky player, who was deemed surplus to requirement by the 'Weslians' has already started training with the Van Magagula-led side ahead of the 2015/16 MTN Premier League season set to kick off in two weeks time.

Sea Birds Public Relations Officer Sifiso Masuku confirmed the player's presence in their camp when sought for comment yesterday.

"He is training with the team together with other players from the regions and we are

still waiting for recommendations from the technical bench before announcing our new signing for this season. He is a good player, who can add more experience in the team in our quest to compete for the honours."



He is set to replace Sicelo 'Junior' Simelane, who is now in the books of capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders after leaving 'Izinyoni Zolwandle' at the end of the past season.

Tfwala was shown the exit door at Wanderers together with the likes of Mthokozisi Nkambule, Gcina 'Kwere' Mazibuko, Sabelo Shongwe and goalkeeper Wenzile Khumalo.

Sea Birds will be hoping to change their fortunes in the league after finishing 10th in the previous campaign.

Former Malanti Chiefs coach Ndawa fired at Bullets

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - RELEGATED side Malanti Chiefs' former head coach Franco Ndawa has been shown the exit door by Malawi Super League defending champions Nyasa Bullets.

Bullets were eliminated from the Carlsberg Cup in the quarterfinals at the hands of Mafco, who triumphed 1-0 over the former. Bullets spokesman Kelvin Moyo said the club's executive met on Sunday afternoon and resolved to sack Ndawa, owing to the dismal run of results this term.

"The crisis meeting was called

to evaluate the team's recent performance both in cups and league matches," Moyo said to Nyasa Times.

He said the results have not been good enough this season and believe it was in the best interests of both Bullets and coach Ndawa to go separate ways. Bullets thanked Ndawa for his 'immense contribution' after guiding the club to Presidential Cup glory. The club

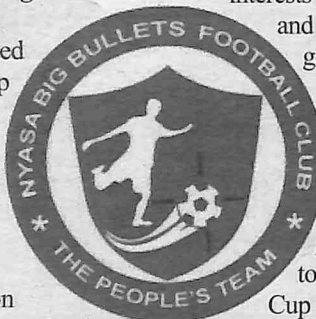
also terminated the contract of technical director Tewesa. They also reviewed the role of team manager Rahim Ishmael with recommendations to have him replaced.

The final match of Ndawa's era at Bullets was the loss to Mafco in Carlsberg Cup last Saturday. Ndawa said it was an "unfair dismissal".

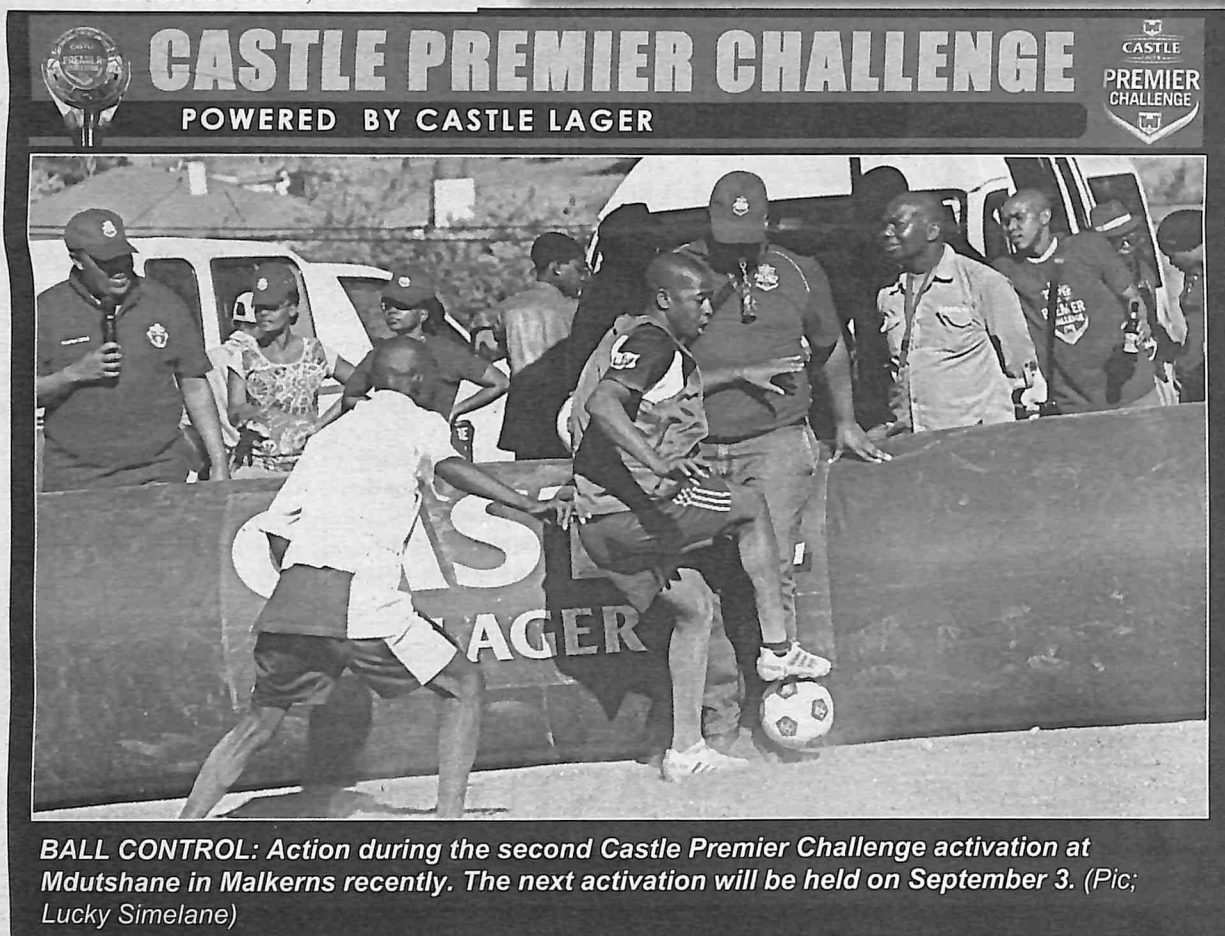
But Tewesa said he welcomed his sacking.

"I have done my part, but Bullets will have to honour contractual obligations," he said.

Ndawa took charge of Malanti Chiefs last season and he was relieved of his duties towards the end of the campaign due to the team's poor run which eventually landed it in the wilderness. He was without a win after multiple games when he was shown the exit door.



FIRED: Malanti Chiefs' former head coach Franco Ndawa.



BALL CONTROL: Action during the second Castle Premier Challenge activation at Mdtshane in Malkerns recently. The next activation will be held on September 3. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

SWABA's E10 000 gesture from SIPA

By Sabelo Majola

BOXING - THE Swaziland Investment Promotion Agency (SIPA) has sponsored Swaziland Boxing Association (SWABA) to the tune of E10 000 to host a two-day tournament at the Swaziland International Trade Fair.

The first tournament will be held August 30 which falls on a Tuesday, starting at 10am.

The second tournament will be held

on September 2 commencing at 10am as well.

The sponsorship saw a decrease from last year's money which amounted to E15 000.

SWABA Secretary Thabsile Mngometulu said the decrease was a result of high expenses that SIPA had incurred preparing for the summit.

"The tournament is aimed at promoting our youth boxers and

we are grateful to the sponsor. We have invited international pugilists from Mozambique to take part in the tournament but they have not confirmed their participation yet," she said.

SWABA will join the Swaziland National Volleyball Association (SNVA) who will also be hosting a tournament sponsored by Population Services International (PSI) to the tune of E15 000 for both male and female teams.

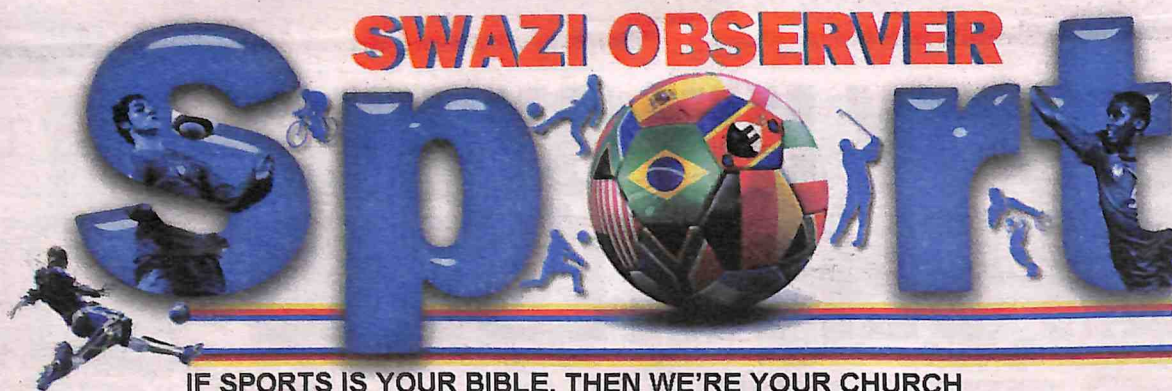


RESULTS

Baroka FC	1 - 1	Ajax Cape Town
Bidvest Wits	2 - 1	Kaizer Chiefs
Cape Town City	2 - 0	Polokwane City
Chippa United	2 - 1	Free State Stars

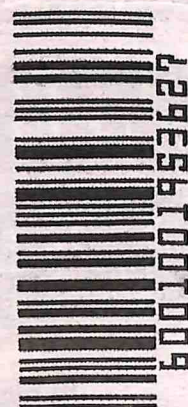
FIXTURES | Tonight

Orlando Pirates	vs	Golden Arrows	7:30pm
Platinum Stars	vs	SuperSport	7:30pm
Bloem Celtic	vs	Maritzburg Utd	7:30pm



IF SPORTS IS YOUR BIBLE, THEN WE'RE YOUR CHURCH

Wednesday August 24, 2016



Terisayi Changara linked with Wanderers move

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER – IT would seem Manzini Wanderers are fond of Zimbabwean coaches with Terisayi Changara being the latest to be linked with a move to the hub giants.

Previously, the 'Weslians' had short stints with Shepherd Murape and Julius Chakupewa, who are both from Zimbabwe. The two could not take the hot seat at Wanderers after failing to produce the required CAF B Licence to be able to coach a Premier League team in the country.

Coaching

The team had also shortlisted Mandla Mpofo, Luke Masomere and Godfrey Tamerepi (now with Manzini Sundowns), who are all from the President Robert Mugabe-led nation for the coaching post.

The latest coming from Wanderers camp is that the team is in talks with the Tambuti head coach, who helped the sugar belt side gain promotion to the Premier League.

A source close to the matter asserted that the former XI Men in Flight defender was on his way to the maroon and white ensemble.

"He has been approached by Wanderers to fill the vacant head coach position after his good run with Tambuti.

Training

They feel he is the right man to lead the team. If all goes well, he will start training the team today," the source said.

Wanderers General Manager Patrick Gamedze said they would be announcing their new head coach today when contacted yesterday.

"The board of directors is currently in a meeting as we speak to sort the issue of a new coach. I will be able to give you a proper answer tomorrow (today) regarding the issue of a new coach," Gamedze said.

Wanderers recently parted ways with their head coach Anthony Mdluli, who is alleged to have been attacked by a group of supporters last Wednesday.

The team then roped in Clement Mdluli on interim basis on the eve of their Castle Premier Challenge quarterfinal encounter against Mbabane Highlanders where they lost 1-3 at the Somhlolo National Stadium last Sunday.



SCOUTED: Zimbabwean coach Terisayi Changara has been linked with a move to Manzini Wanderers.

KING HAPPY WITH SIHLANGU RESURGENCE

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – HIS Majesty King Mswati III has commended Sihlangu Semnikati for its massive improvement in international tournaments.

Speaking during the King's Golf Cup and SADC Summit donations held at the Lozitha Royal Palace on Monday night, the King said the squad was on the right path to success.

"We are very happy with the performance of our national team in recent competitions where they made us proud by bringing home a bronze medal. We hope they will build from that performance and continue doing well in all competitions thus market the country."

The King further said he was

● Commends squad for good run in COSAFA Cup

confident that the nation's pride would continue doing well in the international scenes as they are still to face Malawi in the AFCON qualifiers on September 4. "Hard work and dedication is the key to success and I am positive the team will prepare well and be strong for future competitions. They must continue making the country proud."

He encouraged the players to keep on working hard and further implored the nation to support the national team.

Sihlangu made history in May after clinching the first bronze



WE ARE PROUD: His Majesty King Mswati III.

medal at senior national team level during the 2016 COSAFA Castle Cup where they beat guest

nation DR Congo 1-0 in the losers finals.

Mbabane Swallows player Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst also won the top goal scorer award with five goals during the regional showpiece, which was held in Namibia.

The nation's pride will next Sunday look to rewrite history books by qualifying for the AFCON 2017 to be held next year in Gabon by beating Malawi and further pray that Group L leaders Zimbabwe, lose in Guinea in order to get the best runner-up slot.

The Harries Madze Bulunga-led squad is currently in camp at the National Football Association of Swaziland Technical Centre preparing for the 'battle' slated for the Kamuzu Banda Stadium in Malawi.

...Wants Olympic gold medal by 2022

SPORTS – HIS Majesty King Mswati III has called upon the local sporting fraternity to strive towards winning gold medals during Olympic Games by 2022.

The King said the nation would be happy to have the national anthem sung during the interna-

tional games wherein a Swazi athlete would have won a gold medal.

"I am waiting for the day where I will hear the singing of our national anthem after a local athlete has excelled. This can be achieved through strategic planning from all the sporting sectors

in the country.

They need to sit down and devise strategies on how we can do well during the Olympics Games," the King said.

He then called for the implementation of a five-year strategic plan that would help the country reap success during the Olympic Games.

"We need to work hard in all the sporting codes like football,

golf, tennis and squash, among others, in order to ensure we are ready to compete effectively at the international stage."

The country's two representatives in the 2016 Rio De Janeiro Olympics Games Sibusiso Matsenjwa and Phumlile Ndzinisa failed to reach the finals of the males 200m and females 100m after crashing out during the heats.

CASTLE semis shifted to Saturday, E40 entry

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – THE Castle Premier Challenge semifinals have been shifted to Saturday, instead of Sunday as it was initially scheduled.

The Management Committee, led by Peter Magagula, met yesterday to discuss logistics of the games and after carefully reviewing a few items, it was decided that the games would be held on Saturday.

Unchanged

What remains unchanged is the fixture as per the draw conducted on Monday at the Swaziland Beverages premises.

The 'forces derby' pitting police side Royal Leopard and army

Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium:

Young Buffaloes	vs	Royal Leopard	1.30pm
Mbabane Swallows	vs	Mbabane Highlanders	3.30pm

The breakdown:

Champions	E800 000
Player of the Tournament	E10 000
Top Goal Scorer	E7 000
Best PRO	E5 000
Best Print Media	E6 000
Best Electronic Media	E6 000



side Young Buffaloes will be the opening game followed by the highly anticipated Mbabane derby where local giants Mbabane Swallows and

Mbabane Highlanders are set for a malicious battle, which will unfold at Somhlolo National Stadium.
MC member and PLS CEO

John Mazibuko confirmed the changes yesterday.

Reschedule

"We had a challenge with the games being played on Sunday and after serious considerations, had to reschedule them for Saturday," he said.

The entrance fee is E40.

These games will mark the first semis of the tournament as they are played in a two-legged format. Another change to events includes the Castle activation which was slated for Ngwenya on Saturday.

Tournament PRO Mxolisi Dlamini said the event has been called off because it would now clash with the fixture of the games and it was postponed to September 3.